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AXIS HAND IN INDO-CHINA DEAL

U. S. Denounces Japan For Aggression

FREE FRANCE CONDEMNS VICHY SURRENDER

LONDON, July 24..

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS FOLLOWING THE POSITION IN INDO-CHINA WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ZEITUNG'S BERLIN CORRESPONDENT QUOTING WILHELM-STRASSE REPORTS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT BERLIN, ROME AND TOKYO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

Mr. Sumner Welles in a formal statement to-day denounced Japan as aggressor in French Indo-China.

He added the Japanese move there threatened American security an endangered American territory and interests in the Far East.

A Vichy spokesman said to-day that negotiations between Japan and Vichy about Indo-China were continuing in Vichy and Hanoi.

No agreement has been signed, but the basis of any agreement would be that Vichy would reaffirm her recognition of Japan's predominance in Eastern Asia and provide military and technical advantages to Japan.

Free France will never recognise the cessions in French colonies in which the Vichy Government has agreed, says a statement by the Director of Political Affairs of Free France, referring to the agreement with Japan concerning Indo-China.

The statement, issued in London, declares that the agreement delivers Indo-China in advance to the Japanese and expresses the indignation of the French people as regards "this fresh squandering of the national heritage."

The statement recalls that in March, General de Gaulle and the Council of Defence of the French Empire declared that any cession by Vichy, particularly in the case of Indo-China, would be considered null and void. It then continues "the Vichy Government decided to fight the Free French and the British in Syria.

In Indo-China, they offer no resistance to the ambitions of Japan.

Japanese 'protection' has already cost France her effective sovereignty over Tonkin last September and vast territories of Cambodia and Lao ceded to Siam in March."

CHARGE AGAINST VICHY.

After declaring that Vichy has used Japanese intervention as a pretext for trying to incite French public opinion against Britain and China, the statement says "the new cession takes place the very day following Marshal Petain's solemn undertaking to defend all territories of the French Empire.

Vichy has never ceased voluntarily or otherwise to be an instrument of the Axis. A comparison of the Vichy attitude in Indo-China and Syria furnishes a further proof of this. The alleged sovereignty of the Vichy Government is no longer anything more than a fiction which exclusively serves the interests of Germany."—Reuter.

Military And Naval Concessions

LONDON, July 24.

The Herald Tribune's Washington correspondent says that he learned from well-informed quarters that there was no ultimatum and Admiral Darlan merely notified Japan of acceptance of their demands "to safeguard French sovereignty".

It is stated in Washington that Foreign Consulates at Saigon have been notified by their representatives at Hanoi that they have been advised by the Indo-China Government of the French-Japanese Agreement granting Japan certain naval and military concessions in the southern part of the colony.—Reuter.

Announcement On July 28

It is also said in Washington that the Agreement was reached on July 19, but the details then had not been worked out

Diplomatic quarters in Washington, meanwhile, have heard that a formal announcement is to be made on July 28 when it is expected that the nature and the extent of Vichy's concessions to Japan will be made known.

Call For Reprisals Against Japan

NEW YORK, July 24.

The American Press to-day (Thursday), advocates reprisals against Japan.

The New York 'Times' says, "any action by Japan that threatens legitimate American interests in the Far East should be met immediately by efforts on our part to deal Japanese finance and industry a deadly blow. The Japanese Government will guess wrong, if it concludes that there are no effective steps which we can take to halt or punish aggression in the pacific".

The New York 'Herald Tribune' also warns Japan to expect reprisals by the United States. —Reuter.

TIME BOMB ON JAPANESE SHIP?

WASHINGTON, July 24.

A time bomb was discovered aboard one of the Japanese ships which have been denied passage of the Panama Canal, according to a report which the "Herald Tribune" credits to Administration circles.—Reuter.

Foreign Passengers Turned Back

SHANGHAI, July 24

All Foreign passengers in the "Kobe Maru" including many Axis nationals were turned back this (Thursday) morning just before the ship's departure They were told that no Foreign passengers would be allowed to go to Japan until further notice.

PARIS RADIO KEEPS MUM

No mention of the situation in Indo-China was made by the Paris Radio in its late morning news broadcast to-day (Thursday). The fifteen minute bulletin was occupied entirely by home news official announcements

Bookings To Japan Cancelled

The Japanese are reported to have cancelled all local and foreign bookings for Japan indefinitely regardless of nationality.—Reuter.

TURKS SHOOT DOWN NAZI PLANE

LONDON, July 24.

After repeated warnings, Turkish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and shot down a German plane, which flew over fortifications on the borders of Eastern Thrace, says an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The German plane fell into the Black Sea, all members of the crew being killed.—Reuter.

CHINA WARNS U. S. & BRITAIN

CHUNGKING, July 24.

A warning to Britain and the United States not to underestimate the importance of Japan's next move in the Pacific, is sounded by Chinese circles. They believe that after the occupation of Southern Indo-China the Japanese army will make a push towards Thailand and Burma, thus threatening to take Singapore from the rear.

Chinese quarters here also believe that the Japanese will attack the Soviet, if the Germans capture Moscow.—Reuter.

BATAVIA TAKES NO CHANCES

LONDON, July 24.

The Dutch East Indies, whose oil may be one of the prizes sought by the Japanese in their threatened southern expansion, are taking no chances.

Throughout the Archipelago all points of military importance, including oilfields and harbours, have been closed to foreigners and placed under guard, says a Batavia dispatch to the Free Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" published in London. The Home Guard is to be concentrated for protection of the oilfields. Thousands of women have been registered for war service. Six hundred thousand natives will be called up under the conscription plan this year.—Reuter.

Diplomatic Parley In Tokyo

BERLIN, July 24.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyada saw the German and Italian ambassadors in Tokyo to-day, says a Tokyo dispatch to the Official German News Agency.

BRITAIN WATCHES

Prospects Of War If Japan Occupies South Indo-China

SINGAPORE, July 24.

The London press comment hinting at the possibility, even probability of Britain and America declaring war on Japan, if South Indo-China is occupied, was received with complete calm in Singapore.

Official circles decline to comment further than to suggest that their attitude could not better be expressed than by the statement of Sir Robert Brooke-Popham who told Reuter in a recent interview "we are fully prepared, come what may." The man in the street seems to be genuinely relieved that a stage is apparently being reached where action will materialize, and he is no longer perpetually harassed by clouds of conjecture.

It is believed that the final nature of British action will be governed according to the extent that Indo-China is made over to Japan.

Vichy Collaboration With Axis

LONDON, July 24.

It was stated in authoritative circles in London to-day that what Japan has so far announced she is going to do in Indo-China is not regarded here as a military threat to Singapore, although the British Government have been greatly concerned about the situation for many weeks says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It appears to be a feature of the Vichy policy of collaboration with the Axis that France should not take any step to defend her empire against encroachments by countries belonging to the Axis, and there seems to be no limit to the humiliations which Vichy is prepared to submit to under this policy.

On this occasion, to judge from the statement of the Vichy Government spokesman, reported to have been made last night, it seems that Vichy is endeavouring to create the impression that it quite enjoys the prospect of accepting Japanese protection against an entirely imaginary anticipated British aggression.

The British Government are in close consultation with America and the Dominions, and all are watching the situation very closely and exchanging information with regard to it.

Another view taken here was that contemplated occupation of Indo-China by Japan could scarcely be regarded as a Japanese defensive measure. A glance at the map would show that such a move would bring them much nearer to British interests.—Reuter.

FROM SABOTAGE TO TREASON

Britain Will Tighten Economic Screw On Spain

No Further Deal With Axis Henchman, Says Eden

LONDON, July 24.

Making a statement on Spain in the Commons to-day Mr. Eden said: "If economic arrangements are to succeed there must be goodwill on both sides and Gen. Franco's speech on July 17 shows little evidence of such goodwill. His statement makes it appear that he does not desire further economic assistance for his country.

Britain's Stand

If that is so, the British Government will be unable to proceed with their plans and their future policy will depend on the future actions and attitude of the Spanish Government.

EDEN'S STATEMENT

Asked in the House of Commons to-day if he had any statement to make on the recent speech by General Franco, Mr. Eden said: "Since the conclusion of the Spanish Civil War the British Government have been anxious to do everything in their power to promote the economic recovery of Spain and to assist the Spanish people in their work of reconstruction. They considered they could best contribute to this object by encouraging revival of Anglo-Spanish commercial relations. Accordingly in March of last year they signed with the Spanish Government an Anglo-Spanish Trade and Payments Agreement and an Anglo-Spanish Loan Agreement providing for an advance of two million sterling to be spent in liquidating the arrears in Anglo-Spanish clearing, dating from before the Civil War, and a further two million sterling for the purchase of the foodstuffs and raw materials necessary for Spanish reconstruction.

On July 30 of last year the Minister of Economic Warfare stated it was not the British policy to extend the blockade to neutral countries, so long as supplies could reach those countries without the risk of their falling into the hands of the enemy: that Britain was prepared to grant 'Navicerts' on such a scale as to allow imports adequate for domestic consumption and further that it was the policy of the British Government not merely to allow such supplies to pass through British controls but also to assist the neutral countries to obtain them.

On April 7 last, the British Government concluded with the Spanish Government, at their request, a Supplementary Loan Agreement providing for an additional loan of two and a half million sterling.

FRANCO'S SPEECH SEQUEL

The British Government had now noted that Gen. Franco in his speech to the Falange National Council on July 17 displayed a complete misunderstanding not only of the general war situation but also of British economic policy towards Spain. If the economic arrangements are to succeed, there must be goodwill on both sides and Gen. Franco's speech shows little evidence of such goodwill.

His statement makes it appear that he does not desire further economic assistance for his country.

If that is so, the British Government will be unable to proceed with their plan and their future policy will depend on the actions and attitude of the Spanish Government.—Reuter.

IT IS A LONG WAY TO CHARKOW!

STOCKHOLM, July 24.

"If the slow rate of the German advance continues, Hitler may not get to Moscow before the end of August, writes the "Handelstidning" today quoting statements made by the Germans. Much of Russia would then remain to be conquered, adds the newspaper.

The promised giant German sweep from the south and the north against Leningrad has not materialised probably because the Russian defence is not so disorganised as the Germans suggest.

Even when the Germans have taken Kiev, they will be merely on the edge of the Ukranian granary. Until they possess Charkow and its regions, the Germans are hardly likely to derive any real benefit from the resources of the Ukraine and they are a long way yet from Charkow.

(Details on Page 4)

Welles Sees Aggression In Japanese Move

WASHINGTON, July 24.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles today (Thursday) issued a formal statement on, the United States' attitude to the Japanese move in Indo-China, the substance of which was given, he said, to the Japanese Ambassador last night during a half hour conference.

The statement asserts that Japan's action was primarily in preparation for further "movements of conquest in the adjacent areas." It declares that the occupation of French Indo-China or establishment of further military bsaes there would "endanger peaceful use by peaceful nations of the Pacific."

These steps, Mr. Welles said, also jeopradise American sources of vital defence materials such as tin and rubber.' The steps which the Japanese Government has taken also endanger the safety of other areas in the Pacific, including the Philippine Islands.

The Government and the people of this country fully realise that such developments bear directly upon the vital problem of our national security. The present developments relating to Indo-China provide a clear indication of the further changes now being effected under duress.

"There is not the slightest ground for belief on the part of even the most credulous that the Governments of the United States, Great Britain or the Netherlands have any territorial ambitions in Indo-China or have been planning any moves which would have been regarded as threats to Japan. This Government can, therefore, only concluded that Japan's action has been undertaken, because it was estimated to be of value for Japan to have bases in that region; primarily for purposes of further and more obvious movements of conquest in the adjacent territories.—Reuter.

COMMONS DEBATE, ON PRODUCTION

LONDON, July 24.

Mr. Attlee said in the House of Commons to-day that an important debate on production will take place at the next sitting of the House.—Reuter.

"Zamzam" Survivors

MADRID, July 24.

A party of 265 Americans, mostly Consular officials, has arrived at San Sebastian from France and Germany. Sixteen American ambulance drivers accompanied them.

They were passengers in the ill-fated Egyptian liner "Zamzam", which was torpedoed by a German submarine and were recently released by the Nazis after being detained some ten weeks at Hendaye. All the Americans are proceeding to Lisbon, whence they will sail for the United States.—Reuter.

WHEELER'S CAMPAIGN

U. S. Senator's Post Cards To Army Men To Oppose War

WASHINGTON, July 24.

Senator Wheeler has posted postcards to army officers and men urging them to oppose United States entry into the war. This was stated by the Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson, at a Press Conference today.

Mr. Stimson declared: "I think this comes very near the line of subversive activities against the United States, if not treason."

The cards went out postage free under Senator Wheeler's frank, Mr. Stimson said. One million cards were printed in the Government printing office but labelled "not printed at Government expense."

Mr. Stimson continued: "When such appeals are addressed to soldiers, the action crosses the line of what Gen. Marshall has called sabotage."

Gen. Marshall had previously described as sabotage attempts to induce officers and men to oppose extenison of their active duty. Congress is at present debating a measure extending this duty.—Reuter.

Don't Wait For Hitler— U. S. Must Strike First

SANFRANCISCO, July 24.

Declaring that the defence of freedom "must be a positive thing" Mr. Wendell Willkie, speaking in Sanfrancisco on Thursday night said: "Hitler has challenged our freedom. We cannot wait in a corner for him to strike us. We must step forth boldly to throw Hitler off his guard—to bewilder him. We must force him to take the count."

Mr. Willkie pointed out that positive defence involves great sacrifice. He called for aid to China to divert the energies of Japan and for doubling and redoubling American aid to Britain. Additional air and naval bases should be required to protect the North Atlantic supply lines and ships and airplane forces in south Atlantic should be guarded in order to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal. Mr. Willkie said: "Totalitarianism thus surrounded and the Nazi flood having reached its full, it will begin to recede. History proves that such forces survive only in expansion."—Reuter.

18 MONTHS FOR 'RED' LITERATURE

LAHORE, July 24.

Ghulam Nabi, of Amritsar, was sentenced to-day to one and a half years rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules by the City Magistrate on a charge of keeping in possession some Communist literature. The accused was arrested at the Lahore railway station.—A. P.

"GANDHIJI IS NO HUMBUG"

ALLAHABAD, July 23.

"Gandhiji is not a humbug" so Sjt. Kripalani told a press correspondent, who met him to enquire whether Gandhiji would suspend the Civil Disobedience movement.

Sjt. Kripalani reminded the press correspondent that Gandhiji had said the struggle would drag on five years.

Viceroy's Visit To Bombay

BOMBAY, July 24.

H. E. the Viceroy's visit to Bombay will take place during the third week of August.—A. P.

Viceroy Withholds Assent

SIMLA, July 24.

It is learned that the Governor-General has withheld his sanction to the Lahore Corporation Bill, which was recently passed by the Punjab Legislative Assembly, and has sent it back for reconsideration by the assembly, particularly of the provisions relating to Federal property. —A. P.

LONDON, July 24

Another three million men and women are to be registered for Industrial National Service in Great Britain between August 2 and December 6.—Reuter.

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Miscellaneous App. No. 82|40-41.

NOTICE.

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In the matter of the COMPANIES ACT (Baroda State) st. 1975.

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N. P. JOSHI,
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No application WHICH DOES NOT GIVE THE REQUIRED PARTICULARS will be considered.

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
Executive Officer,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bombay.

Bombay, 23rd July, 1941.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY
IMPORTANT NOTICE

OWING TO HEAVIER RAIL MOVEMENTS during the Kumbha Mela at Allahabad, it is likely that coal bookings originating from the E. I. Railway and booked to stations on the G.I.P. or reached via G.I.P. may be suspended during the peak period 10-1-42 to 1-2-42.

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SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of boots for a period of one year ending 22nd August, 1942. Tenders should be superscribed as "Tender for the supply of boots" and forwarded with samples to the undersigned by the evening of the 14th August, 1941. Further particulars, if required can be obtained from Head Police Office, Bombay No. 1.

R. N. NAYAMPALLI,
Dy. Commissioner of Police.
Bombay.

Head Police Office,
Bombay, 23rd July, 1941

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Burma Pact In Operation

Indian "Unskilled Labour" Passengers Prevented From Proceeding

MADRAS, July 23.

Passengers about to embark today on a steamer bound for Rangoon had the first taste of the recently concluded Indo-Burma immigration agreement.

About a hundred of them who are considered likely to come under the description, "Unskilled Labour", were prevented from proceeding on their journey to-day being tentatively detained by the Protector of Emigrants.

There were altogether about 430 passengers all of whom were subjected to examination for the first time at the harbour by the Emigration authorities, who enquired of the passengers individually as to the purpose of their trip to Burma.—A. P.

BURMA INDIANS CONSIDER IT HARSH

RANGOON, July 22.

The publication of the immigration agreement next to separation has impressed itself as the most fateful event in the history of one and half million Indians in Burma. While in accord with the essential principle of the agreement which marks the end of free entry and restriction of future immigrants and unskilled labour, Indian opinion has found it hard to reconcile itself to the reality of some of the clauses relating to present residents.

It is considered that the residence qualification for privileged immigrants demand too high a total residence in too short a period and will exclude an appreciable number. Further they are liable to forfeit their status, if absent from Burma in future for more than twelve months. These and other features of the agreement such as scale of permit fees are regarded from the Indian point of view as investing the agreement with an appearance of harshness.—A. P.

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Fatally Stabbed In Abdomen

Blood Feud Said To Be Behind Brutal Murder At Masjid Street

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Old vendetta is said to be the cause of the coldblooded murder of Bachu Ismail who was alleged to have been pounced upon and stabbed in the abdomen by another person at Masjid Street, Falkland Road, last night. The victim died within a few hours of his admission to hospital.

On a statement made to the police by the deceased, three Muslims, Mohamed Tayar, Sherali Musabali and Alirekha Mohamed have been arrested.

It appears that there was a blood-feud between the party of the deceased and members of the accused's group which was said to be a sequel to a similar murder at the same place when one Mohamedali Abbas was murdered in March last. In this connection Dawood Chinoy, the alleged assailant, is due to stand his trial before the ensuing High Court Sessions.

At 8-15 last night, the deceased with three others was coming out of a hotel when, it is alleged, Mohamed Tayar who was there along with the two other accused, rushed at him and mercilessly attacked him with a large knife. The victim whose entrails were disembowelled dropped to the ground in a pool of blood. He was picked up and taken to hospital, while the alleged assailant and his two accomplices disappeared from the scene.

MUMBAI MARATHI GRANTHA SANGRAHALAYA

The forty-second annual day of the Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya will be celebrated at the Wagle Hall, Chikitsaka Samooha on Saturday, July 26 at 5 p.m. M. G. T. Madkholkar well-known novelist, critic and journalist in Marathi will take the chair and address the members on "controversies and discontent in Marathi literature."

There will be a public debate on 'Novels and Politics' at Vanamali Hall, Dadar at 8-30 a.m. on Sunday, July 27 under the presidentship of Mr. G. T. Madkholkar.

Among the speakers will be Professors M. D. Altekar, D. K. Kelkar, V. H. Kulkarni, Dr. G. Y. Chitnis and Messrs. T. V. Parvate, W. L. Kulkarni, Madhav Manohar, Anant Kanekar and others.

There will be dinner in honour of Mr. Madkholkar on Saturday night at Wagle Hall. Those desiring to participate are required to pay 12 annas and register their names at the office of the Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya Bhai Jivanjee's Lane Thakurdwar before the July 24.

DEPRESSED CLASSES ALSO PROTEST

PATNA, July 24.

Referring to the announcements made by the Government of India regarding the Viceroy's Executive Council and the constitution of the National Defence Council, Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, Depressed Classes leader, while welcoming the step taken by His Excellency, complains that the Depressed Classes are not represented on the Executive Council. In the Defence Council also, Mr. Rajbhoj adds, their number is quite disproportionate to their population.—United Press.

The Victory Stall

The Victory Stall are opening a 'Cafe' on Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Trollip and Mrs. A. S. Chadwick. This cafe will be open from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. and morning coffees, teas, light refreshments, home made cakes, biscuits will be served while ice cream will be on the menu on Saturdays. These two indefatigable workers have, with the assistance and generosity of their friends, provided everything for the cafe free of charge. Therefore every anna spent there will go to the War Gifts Fund as is the case with all the rest of the articles in the Victory Stall.

Sarojini's Tribute To Late Mr. Chintamani

ALLAHABAD, July 24.

"His independence, his courage, his uncompromising integrity, his unrivalled gift as a journalist and guardian of the rights of journalism, his imposing memory and knowledge are all matters familiar to every one", says Mrs. Sarojini Naidu about the late Sir C. Y. Chintamani in a condolatory message to Lady Chintamani.

Sir Radhakrishnan in another message says "that Sir C. Y. Chintamani was responsible to a large extent for the political education of this province."—A. P.

Temporary Injunction Against Turf Club Refused

Has The Public A Right Of Admission To The Race Course?

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kania).
Camille A. J. Lobo ..... Plaintiff.
v.
The Royal Western India Turf Club Ld. and Ors. ... Defendants.

This was the hearing of a notice of motion taken out by the Plaintiff for an injunction restraining the Royal Western India Turf Club Ltd., its Stewards, Secretary and Assistant Secretary from preventing the Plaintiff from going to a certain open piece of land which he was entitled to do as a member of the public by crossing the land occupied by the first defendant club, and for an injunction restraining the defendants from preventing the plaintiff from attending all race-meetings of the first defendant club.

The Plaintiff a Forest Expert and Journalist who had within several articles criticising the policy of Racing Clubs in India, had filed the present suit claiming Rs. 25,000 by way of damages and praying for a declaration that he was entitled to go on a certain open piece of land in the centre of the properties of the first defendant club on the ground that in about 1919 the Municipality had dedicated this particular piece of land as a recreation ground for the benefit of the public except on race days. The Plaintiff further prayed for a Declaration that the Plaintiff was entitled to attend all Race Meetings because the whole tenor of the Bombay Race Course Licensing Act III of 1912 as amended in 1938 was to give every member of the public a right to attend Race Meetings.

EXCLUSION OF PLAINTIFF.

On 18th February 1941, the 7th Defendant, who is the Secretary of the 1st Defendant club wrote to the Plaintiff informing him that under Rule 7 of the Rules of Racing the Stewards of the Club had decided to exclude the Plaintiff from all Race Meetings both in Bombay as well as in Poona on 19th March 1941, which was not a race day the Plaintiff along with a friend went to the open piece of land which he alleged was dedicated to the public, when the 8th Defendant who was the Assistant Secretary asked them to clear out of the place. In respect of the said piece of land the Plaintiff further submitted that as it was impossible to go to it except by crossing the 1st defendant Club's land, the public had an Easement of Necessity over the latter land.

The Club denied that the Plaintiff as a member of the public had a right to the use of the open piece of land in dispute which the Club alleged had been leased out to it on 4th June 1918, and further contended that the Stewards had the power to exclude or eject any member of the public, who was not a member of the Club, from all places under their control.

After hearing Counsel His Lordship made no order on the Notice of Motion and refused to grant a temporary injunction as prayed for by the Plaintiff but expedited the final hearing of the suit which His Lordship fixed for 1st October.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga with Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Lam and Co., appeared for the Plaintiff in Support of the Notice of Motion.

Mr. N. P. Engineer instructed by Messrs. Cragie Blunt and Caroe appeared for the Defendants to oppose it.

KIDNAPPING AND RAPE
Accused Gets 5 Years

(Before the Hon. Mr Justice N. J. Wadia and a Common Jury).

Emperor, v Noor Hoosein.. Accused

In this case the accused had been charged with the offences of kidnapping a minor female under 16 years of age with the intention of forcing or seducing her to illicit intercourse and of Rape under Sections 366 and 376 respectively of the Indian Penal Code.

On the 23rd of March last, the accused, a hawker of rings, 28 years of age, was alleged to have induced a young girl much below her teens, who was playing on the roadside with her cousion a boy younger than herself, to accompany him to his room on the inducement that he would pay her two annas. The two children were taken to his room and there the accused was alleged to have committed Rape on the girl. The suspicions of some of the other tenants of the building in which the accused resided having been roused, one of them peeped through the door and then knocked at the door which the accused after some time ultimately opened. The accused was then handed over to the police. The police also sent the young girl, who was the victim of the defence, to Dr. Homi Shapurji Mehta, the Police Surgeon of Bombay, and her medical examniation within a few hours of the incident substantiated the charge of Rape levelled against the accused

Counsel for the Prosecution argued that the connected series of facts,—that the girl was inside the room with the accused, that the door of the room was bolted from inside, that she was found inside the room when the accused was ultimately obliged to open the door of the room, put together with the medical evidence before the Court proved conclusively that the accused was guilty of the offences charged.

The Jury returned a unanimous verdict finding the accused guilty of both the offences charged. His Lordship thereupon sentenced him to 5 years' rigorous imprisonment on each of the two charges concurrently.

Mr. Jal R Vimadalal instructed by the Public Prosecutor Mr N. K. Petigara, appeared for the Prosecution.

Poona Philosophical Association

SILVER JUBILEE

POONA. (By Mail)

The Silver Jubilee of the Philosophical Association will be celebrated on Saturday, 26th instant at 4-30 p.m. in the Fergusson College under the presidency of Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

The principal items of the programme are: (1) Presidential address by Sir S. Radhakrishnan; (2) Unveiling of the portraits of the Presidents: Principal G. C. Bhate, Professor R. D. Ranade and Professor N. G. Damle and (3) Announcement of the Commemoration Volume, containing articles by members of the Association, to be dedicated to Prof. R. D. Ranade.

DONATIONS TO AZA KHANA ZOHRA BUILDING FUND
"Life Of V. D. Savarkar" Confiscated

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) July 17.

Nawab Kamal Yar Jung Bahadur, a premier nobleman of Hyderabad has donated a sum of Rs. 10,000 while Hon. Raja Dharam Karan Bahadur, member of the Public Works Department has donated Rs. 6,000 towards the Aza Khana Zohra building fund. Similar donations are being received daily by the Committee set up for the purpose. As soon as the amount reaches one lakh of rupees it is stated the collections will be closed.

D. LITT FOR NAWAB M Y JUNG BAHADUR

It is understood that at a meeting of the Senate of the Osmania University it was resolved to confer the Honorary degree of Doctorate of Literature on Hon. Nawab Mehdi Yar Jung Bahadur, Education Member and the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

It is also stated that Dr. Raziuddin, Professor of the same University is also recommended for the same honorary degree.

BOOK CONFISCATED

Though the book entitled "Life of Mr. V. D. Savarker," President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, published in Telugu by the Anna Grandhamala of Hyderabad, is not proscribed, the Hyderabad City Police authorities confiscated several copies of this book!

When asked by one of the workers of the Andhra movement, a certain police officer seem to have replied that the book was banned and he was collecting them.

In the absence of an official notification about the banning of the book, there is a possibility of people refusing to part with the same which may consequently lead to prosecution etc.

DONATION FOR MEDAL AWARD

In order to commemorate the memory of his brother-in-law, the late Mr. Kidambi Tatachari, Advocate, I understand that Dr. K. Rangachari of Hyderabad has donated a sum of Rs. 1,000 to the Andhra University for awarding a medal annually to the student who stood first in the final year in Pathology of the Andhra Medical College, Vizagapatam.

The said amount has been forwarded by Dr. Rangachari to the authorities concerned.

REMOVAL OF BAN URGED

Some of the State Congress leaders of Hyderabad have moved the authorities to withdraw the externment order passed against Mr. Krishna Sharma, ex-Working Committee member of the All-India States' People's Conference.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Sharma was in Hyderabad for a couple of years taking a leading part in almost all political movements. He was externed by the Government who stated that he was an outsider and "undesirable".

"COME TO YOUR SENSES" & BURY DIFFERENCES
Bengal Governor's Advice To Dacca People

DACCA, July 23.

Addressing the Dacca District War Committee, yesterday, evening, His Excellency the Governor congratulated Dacca.

His Excellency referred with regret to the recent disturbances in Dacca. He appealed to the people of Dacca to come to their senses, as others with similar differences had done, and to appreciate the overwhelming seriousness of the war. If they failed to do this, they would find themselves engulfed in its course, which might sweep away not only their local quarrels but also their liberty, their property and their happiness.—A. P.

INDIA DELEGATION TO CEYLON

SIMLA, July 24.

It is understood that the Government of India have enquired of the Ceylon Government about convenient time for sending an Indian delegation to Ceylon to conduct fresh negotiations in regard to the question of immigration and other outstanding questions.—United Press.

NAGPUR.— The Governor Sir Henry Twynam visited on Thursday morning some of the sites upon which the Nagpur Improvement Trust Schemes are now in progress. He was particularly shown the principal scheme of the Trust which has its object the construction in the city of a wide thoroughfare running from west to east and having at various points parks and play grounds.

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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Delhi I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Badrbai. 5-20 Ghulam Fareed. 5-35 Qawwali. 5-50 Radhabai. 6-15 Jhuti Preet 6-25 M. Siddiq. 6-30 Sham ke rag. 6-50 Puria Dhanasri on Sarangi 7 Dadra aur ghazal. 7-15 The Lower Middles, 2. 7-30 Master Mumtaz and party. 7-45 Dagh Ki Ghazlen. 8 Badrbai. 8-15 For villagers only 9-45 Ramzan Khan. 10 Master Mumtaz and party. 10-20 Bhajan Lal. 10-30 Dholak Ke Geet.

Bombay I Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Abdul Rehnman and party. 7-45 Sumati Wadkar. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 G. N. Joshi. 8-40 News in Marathi. 8-50 News in Gujarati. 9 Gujarati geet. 9-10 Qawwali. 9-20 Tarana in duet. 12-30 p.m. Naats. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Three Stars. 1-10 Ghazal, Geet and Chorus. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow 5.5 Sumati Wadkar. 5-25 News in Marathi 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Abdul Rehman and party. 5-50 Thumri Tilang. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 G. N Joshi. 6-30 Children's half hour. 7 New Marathi books. 7-15 Bhavgeets. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Allah Rakha 7-45 Hori Khambavati. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 News commentary. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Sound news. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-30 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Qawwali. 10-10 Thumri and Pad. 10-30 Drut Khayal. 10-40 Gat Malkaus.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Anand Rao. 8-15 Instrumental selection. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 G. N. Joshi. 8-50 S. Biniwale. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1 12-57 B. R. Deodhar. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Air Trio. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 D. Dani. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4.880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Sumati Wadkar. 8-15 Darbari on Hamidi. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 The Air Orchestra. 9-10 Ratnakant and Yellapurkar. 9-30 Melody Trio. 9-50 Bosa Ponselle. 10 Otto Klimt and his Quartet.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.))

5 p.m. For children. 5-50 Gouri Sen. 6-6 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-40 Krishnakanter Will. 6 Sunil Kumar Roy 10 Jatadhar Pyne. 10-15 Ratnamala Sen.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Educational broadcast for children. 4-30 Tea time music. 5 C. Sankaralingam Pillai. 5-45 Jantra Sammelanam. 6-5 T. Nataraja Pillai. 6-30 Shrimati Swarna Saraswati. 7 The world this week. 7-50 Shrimati Swarna Saraswati. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 C. Sankaralingam Pillai. 9-45 Topical talk 10 As in Delhi

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-15 Kumbakonam N. S. Rajannah Pillai. 6-5 Shrimati Lalita Venkatraman. 6-30 For villages. 7 Give us the tools. 7-15 Musiri Subramania Iyer. 7-50 Kumbakonam N. S. Rajannah Pillai. 8-30 World affairs 8-45 Shrimati Lalita Venkatraman

Speculative Buying In Yarn Market On Import Restrictions

Bombay: July 25.

The important event during the week has been the announcement by the Government of India on Sunday the 20th inst. to the effect that Import restrictions will be applicable to imports of cotton yarns, cotton piecegoods, artificial silk yarns and several other foreign manufactures and also to the effect that import duty on artificial silk piecegoods has been raised by one and a half annas to two annas per sq. yard on various kinds of imported Non-Empire artificial silk cloth. Soon after the publication of this news prices in almost all kinds of Japanese yarns shot up to the extent of 5 to 10 per cent all-round and speculative buying considerably increased to such an extent that sellers were difficult to find. In case of Indian yarns prices improved to the extent of 2 to 3 per cent with a steady undertone at the close. Raw cotton prices have also improved further mostly due to unfavourable weather reports from America and also due to prices of cloth in America being raised further. Prices in local cloth market have also recorded substantial improvement on account of heavy speculative buying from local merchants. Reports from almost all important consuming districts go to show that there have been large speculative enquiries from various dealers and middlemen mostly of a speculative nature and prices have been showing a tendency to improve further. It is to be noted, however, that according to the reports received from various important consuming centres, the present level of prices does not at all suit the consumers and several thousands of handloom weavers all over the country find it extremely difficult to make purchases of their requirements at the present level of prices both in Indian yarns as well as in foreign yarns and to sell their cloth at anything like profit. On the other hand reports go to show that many handloom weavers are out of work and they have been eagerly awaiting a better opportunity to commence weaving. As regards export markets no fresh business has been possible during the week on account of the disparity in prices and also due to continued difficulties about shipping. On the whole future tendency is distinctly more hopeful although much more will depend upon the course of the cotton prices and also on the course of the Monsoon during the next few days.

ENGLISH YARNS: No business in Manchester yarns has been possible during the week. It is hoped, however, that, if import restrictions on Japanese yarns have been severe, there may be some chance of business in Manchester yarns in course of time provided shipping difficulties do not come in the way.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS: Prices in Japanese and Shanghai yarns have shown considerable improvement to the extent of about four annas per lb. after the announcement by the Government of India regarding import restrictions on both Japanese yarns and piecegoods and even at the close the tendency is distinctly upwards. In case of mercerised yarns speculative turnover has considerably increased and prices have shot up much further during the week with a higher tendency at the close. Fresh forward business with Japan has been practically nil on account of recent export restrictions placed by the Government in Japan and also due to import restrictions by the Government of India from Sunday, the 20th inst. Future tendency is more hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS: Prices in artificial silk yarns as well as Staple Fibre yarns shot up to the extent of about three annas per lb. soon after the announcement by the Government of India about import restrictions on Sunday, the 20th inst. Speculative enquiries have considerably increased during the week and turnover has been very satisfactory. No fresh forward business with Japan has been possible pending the clarification of the details in connection with import and export restrictions. Future tendency is distinctly more hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS: Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd. has considerably increased and prices have improved to the extent of about 15/- per bale during the week in 20 1/2s.

HUGE WAR PURCHASES FROM INDIA

Seventy-six Crores Worth Bought Through Two Agencies Alone

TEXTILES TOP THE LIST

Over seventy-six crores of rupees worth of articles were purchased in India through two purchasing agencies alone of the Supply Department the Indian Stores Department and the Contracts Directorate during the financial year 1940-41.

Of these the Indian Stores Department was responsible for purchases worth Rs. 55.22 crores, while the Contracts Directorate bought goods totalling Rs 20.78 crores.

War purchases made by the Indian Stores Department aggregated Rs. 41.96 crores, while purchases made by it for other purposes totalled Rs. 13.26 crores. The former comprised the following items:—

	Rs.
Textiles	15.10 crores
Tentage	7.08 ,,
Jute articles	3.54 ,,
Steel sections, plates, etc.	3.06 ,,
Ferrous metals	2.81 ,,
Hardware and other stores	2.59 ,,
Motor vehicles and spares	1.96 ,,
Blankets	1.62 ,,
Shipbuilding materials and vessels	1.07 ,,
Engineering plant and machinery	97 Lakhs
Electrical Stores	87 ,,
Permanent way material and wagons	69 ,,
Huttings and open shedding	37 ,,
Camouflage nets	21 ,,
Trench shelters	3 ,,

Of the total purchases (peace and war) made by the Contracts Directorate Rs 16.33 crores worth of goods were bought by Head quarters Office and the Bombay and Cawnpore Branches of the Directorate, while goods of the value of Rs 4.45 crores were purchased by its Calcutta Office. The purchases made by the former three Offices included:

	Rs.
Foodstuffs	5.45 crores
Petrol oil, lubricants and fuel	2.70 ,,
Hides, tanning materials, foot wear and leather products	2.44 ,,
Timber, bamboos, and products thereof	1.62 ,,
Hardware	1.26 ,,
Scientific, haberdashery and miscellaneous stores	1.18 ,,
Soaps and chemicals	55 Lakhs
Ferrous and non-ferrous metals	56 ,,
Tools and components	47 ,,

It should be borne in mind, however, that besides the two purchasing organisations mentioned above, there are other agencies operating on behalf of the Defence Services whose purchases also run to huge totals.

LONDON RUBBER MARKET

London: May 21.

Messrs. Symington and Wilson have issued the following Rubber Market report:—

A small business has been going on in the London Delivery Market since we last wrote. During the first part of the period the market was steady, but during the last day or two prices have tended to sag. We have nothing fresh to report regarding the future of business in our market—conversations with the Rubber Controller are still going on.

INTERNATIONAL RUBBER REGULATION COMMITTEE: The Committee yesterday fixed the exportable percentage for the July/September quarter at 100, which is the rate that has been in force since the beginning of this year.

MALAYAN SHIPMENTS: The official figure of clearances from the regulated area during April was 49,252 tons. During the same period 26,851 tons of Rubber were imported.

MALAYAN PORT STOCKS: Stocks in Singapore and Penang at the end of April show an increase of about 1,000 tons compared with the March figure. Dealers' stocks were 27,817 tons (end of March 23,560 tons) and stocks in the hands of the Harbour Board and awaiting shipment were 14,268 tons (17,466 tons), giving a total of 42,085 tons.

CEYLON SHIPMENTS: April shipments from Ceylon again show an increase but are still well below the permissible exportable amount for the month. Total shipments in April were 7,122 tons, of which 6,991 tons were ceylon produced rubber and 131 tons imported rubber.

DUTCH EAST INDIES SHIPMENTS: Total shipments during April were slightly lower than in March and amounted to 50,025 tons. Of this total 23,528 tons (March 32,159 tons) were Estate rubber and 26,497 tons (21,050 tons) Native rubber.

AMERICAN QUESTIONNAIRE: The American 'Questionnaire' figures for April have come to hand. We give them in full below together with our usual comparisons for March 1941 and April 1940:—

	April 1941. Tons.	Mar. 1941. Tons.	April 1940 Tons.
Arrivals	63,300	87,123	70,699
Consumption	71,400	69,000	50,103
Consumption per working day	2,746	2,654	1,927
Stock	329,800	338,100	162,282
Afloat	153,500	140,200	102,600
Consumption Reclaimed	20,400	19,600	16,298
Ratio Reclaimed to Crude	28.5 p.c.	28.4 p.c.	32.5 p.c.

Consumption still continues to increase and with arrivals smaller than for some time past there is a small decline in stock compared with the previous month. It will be noticed that some of the March figures have been revised, notably the stock figure which is reduced by about 35,000 tons.

RETAIL PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, (25th July 1941).

Article.	Rate per paylee As. ps.
Rice Country Jirasal.	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	13-9 to 14-0
(Bhiwandi) No. 2 quality	12-6 to 13-3
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	11-3 to 11-6
Patni	8-0 to 9-0
Wheat Khandwa No. 2	8-9
Wheat Yellow (Nasik)	8-6
Wheat Pissi Butki (Punjab)	7-3
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	5-0
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	5-6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	5 6
Gram Banda	6-0
Gram Shahpura	7-9
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	8-8
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	11-0
Masur Dal Superior	8-0
Chana Dal No. 1	8-0
	1 lb.
Ghee Hatras	14-0
Ghee Porbunder	Re. 1-2
Til Oil	3-6
Cocoanut Oil	3-0
Groundnut Oil	2-9
Indian Sugar	2-6
Wimco matches 40 sticks 2 boxes	0-9
Wimco matches 60 sticks 2 boxes	1-0

LONDON SEEDS

London: July 23.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe 21-10 1/2
Wheat Barletta Russo 20/9.
South Australian 27/6.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay: July 24.

The local Seeds Market was fairly steady with moderate activity and improved in sympathy with recovery in cotton prices. Groundnuts August opened at Rs. 37/8 and after advancing to Rs. 37/10 declined to Rs. 37/6 and again rallied to Rs. 37/10. February delivery opened at Rs. 40/5 and after advancing to Rs. 40/6 declined to Rs. 40 and advanced to Rs. 40/12 and later steadied at Rs. 40/7. Castorseeds Sept. opened at Rs. 38/2 and advanced to Rs. 39/8, while May opened at Rs. 41 and advanced to Rs. 42/8. Cottonseed September were quoted at Rs. 24/3 and January at Rs. 25/9. Linseed September opened at Rs 6/8/3 and advanced to Rs. 6/9/3 and May was quoted at Rs. 9/7. Wheat September opened at Rs. 4/12/3 and advanced to Rs. 4/13, while January was quoted at Rs. 5/0/6 and May was done at Rs. 6/10/6. The market was steady with a limited business.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 18th July, 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,0000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		102,91,56,000
Loans against Securities per contra		.....
Acceptances for Constituents		.....
Sundries		58,15,000
	Rupees	114,74,72,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government securities	62,15,28,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,23,79,000	63,39,07,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	6,69,95,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	24,99,39,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,17,54,000	35,86,88,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		.....
Dead Stock		1,78,63,000
Sundries		68,78,000
Bullion		.....
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	11,06,86,000	
Balances with other Banks	2,04,50,000	13,11,36,000
	Rupees	114,74,72,000

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: July 24.

2591 bales raw cotton, 45683 pcs and bdls teak wood, 40 bags rubber sheet cuttings, 90 bags scrap rubber, 1182 bags ginger, 61 bags cutchoor, 529 bgs turmeric, 200 bgs cocoanut oil cake, 44 bgs bell metal, 73 bags copper scrap, 1200 cases perf soap, 90 bdls coir matting, 247 chests tea, 702 c/s D'cocoanuts, 800 bdls scrap rubber, 140 bags brass scrap, 530 tins veg oil, 765 c/s washing soap, 695 bags copra, 287 bdls bamboo mats, 3171 bdls coir yarn, 300 bdls coir rope 875 bdls wooden shooks, 272 bdls rosewood scantlings, 86 bdls brown craft paper, 250 bags black tamarind, 36 bdls ghee, 390 bls cotton yarn, 405 c/s cone yarn, 280 bls Palmyra fibre, 150 bls Palmyra stalks, 30 bdls cotton C yarn waste, 24776 bags cocoanuts.

EXPORTS

Bombay: July 24.

46 bales cotton pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 30 drums castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 22 bales w/n carpets B Bachulal; 8000 bags grdnut kernals The Oil seeds Trading Co. Ltd; 16 bls cotton pcegoods The Anglo-Thai Corporation Ltd; 42 bls cotton grey yarn Basil M P Goveas; 22 bls cotton pcegoods Raili Bros Ltd; 529 bls cotton twist waste Barot Bros and Co; 50 bls cotton pcegoods Jessani Carpet Co; 13 bls cotton pcegoods Herbertsons Ltd; 40 bls cotton pcegoods Aroon and Co; 100 bls cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 97 bls cotton pcegoods B Balwant and Co; 4740 bags linseeds The Oilseeds Trading Co Ltd; 1000 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 20 bls cotton grey yarn Kotak and Co; 50 bls cotton pcegoods W A Beardsell and Co Ltd; 260 bls cotton pcegoods S E Pussikar and Co; 57 bls cotton pcegoods Vadilal Ltd.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: July 24.

Sentiment was bearishly influenced at the opening and the market opened considerably lower, but towards the latter half experienced a sharp rise Tata Deferreds, which closed yesterday at 2050, opened at 2030 and went ahead to 2050, while Tata Ordinaries improved from 384 to 387. Among textiles, Bombay Dyeings opened lower at 1105 and were finally quoted at 1130. Indian Irons ruled at 31/14.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to day:—

Tata Deferreds (2050) 2030 45 40 50
Tata Ordinaries (387/8) 384 85/8 85 87
Tata Ordinary 387, Tata Deferred 2350.
Indian Iron 31/14, Steel Corporation of Bengal 19/12, Bombay Dyeing 1120. Central India 335, Century 429/6, Gokak 212/8 Kohinoor 435, Simplex 133, Andhra Valley 1682/8 Tata Hydro 181/14, Tata Power 1632/8, Associated Cement 145/8, Belapur 208/12. Bombay Burma Old 465.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: July 24

In the absence of New York closing advices, the local market opened to day at Rs. 288 for Broach A/M delivery as closing New York was reported over 50 points down and there being scattered selling prices declined to Rs. 287. At this level moderate covering appeared and prices advanced to Rs. 290/6, but reacted to Rs. 290. The market is hesitant awaiting closing New York advices.

Thereafter there was active buying and prices advanced to Rs. 293/12. At this level there was renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 292/4, but with renewed buying prices advanced to Rs. 295. At this level renewed liquidation appeared and prices reacted to Rs. 291. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G	Broach	July/August ....Rs 265/0
F G M G	Broach	April/May ....Rs 291/0
Fine M G	Oomra	July ....Rs 225/8
Fine M G	Oomra	Dec/Janry ....Rs. 234/8
F G M G	Bengal	July ....Rs. 157/0
F G M G	Bengal	Dec/Janry ....Rs 168/0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: July 24

		Extra Spr-fine	Sup Fine	F.G.	Good
M G	Bengal U.P.	168	166	164	161
M G	Punjab	168	166	164	161
M G	Rajputana	177	175	173	170
M G	Oomra No. 3	235	232	229	226
M G	C. P. No. 1	262	259	256	253
M G	C. P. No. 2	242	239	236	233
M G	Broach No. 2	269	266	263	260
M G	Punjab/American	323	320	317	315
M G	Surat	398	395	392	390
M G	Rajpipla	394	391	388	385
M G	Navsari	406	403	400	398

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: July 24.

Bengal Fine	163/66
Berar	228/31
C. P. 1	253/56
C. P. 2	233/36
Khandesh	196/211
Muglai	206/13
Broach	257/62
Punjab S G 289F	382/402
Punjab R G 289F	357/67
Punjab R G 4F	302/12

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F. P. Bales.	1940/41	1939/40
Receipts to date 23-7-41	4409000	7751000
Receipts yesterday 23-7-41	.....	1000
Export to date 23-7-41	.....	.....
Stock at Ports 18-7-41	3259000	2477000
Stock at Interior towns do.	2277000	2009000
Stock at Liverpool 18-7-41	.....	.....
Visible Supply 18-7-41	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 18-7-41	12189000	13801000
Quantity out of sight 18-7-41	.....	.....

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: July 24.

RECEIPTS INTO BOM. OF IND. COTTON In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday	Since 1st Septmbr. This year.	Last year
Khandesh		100,436	55,579
Central India	190	146,072	109,361
Barsi and Nagar	155	124,290	114,118
Hyderabad/Gaorani	119	49,944	47,970
Berar	387	376,858	318,618
Central Provinces		76,658	76,962
Total Oomras	851	874,254	722,608
Dholeras	187	97,927	89,297
N.-W. Provinces		1,537	26,079
Rajputana		6,690	35,228
Sind-Punjab	3,392	555,931	369,039
Broach	102	297,786	408,546
Coompta and Dharwar	3,415	137,921	49,918
Westerns-Northerns		102,335	36,147
Cocanada		239	86
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		18,224	1,392
Total	7,947	2,087,521	1,738,340
Arrived by road to 17th July 1941		341,133	339,387

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay: July 24.

Wheat September	0 5 0
Wheat January	0 10 6
Wheat May	0 13 0
Linseed September	0 10 0
Linseed May	1 12 0
Groundnut August	2 0 0
Groundnut February	7 0 0
Castorseed September	4 0 0
Castorseed May	10 0 0
Cottonseed September	1 12 0
Cottonseed January	3 12 0
Silver 1st settlement	0 7 0
Silver 2nd settlement	1 2 0
Gold 1st settlement	0 4 0
Gold 2nd settlement	0 8 0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: July 24.

		Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach	J/A	273 1/2	266 1/4	266 1/4
Broach	A/M	297 3/4	291	291 3/4
Oomra	July	239 1/2	230 3/4	230 3/4
Oomra	D/J	242	236	236
Bengal	July	168	163	163 3/4
Bengal	D/J	175 1/2	170 1/2	170 1/2

BOMBAY YARN & SILK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

Bombay: July 24.

Mercerised (per 10 lbs)	Ready Delivery	July Del.	August Del.
No. 64/2 Grey Nissin	32/ 0/0	32/ 0/0	32/12/0
No. 84/2 Grey Nissin	35/ 4/0	35/ 4/0	36/ 4/0
No. 80/2 Any	3/ 6/0	3/ 6/0	3/ 7/0
No. 60/2 Any	3/ 2/0	3/ 2/0	3/ 3/0
No. 150-A Any	2/10/0	2/10/0	2/10/0

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay: July 24.

Pepper ready per candy	95 0 0
Pepper Bhadarva Sudi per candy	96 0 0
Pepper Maha Sudi 15 per candy	102 0 0
Ginger ready bleached	30 0 0
Ginger Maha Sudi 15	30 0 0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

London: July 23.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian Stocks—	
3 per cent 1948	£ 90 3/8
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£ 99 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£ 82
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£112 5/8
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	£ 9 1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London register)	£ 80 1/2
National Bank of India	£ 31 1/2

Heavy Long Liquidation In New York Cotton

MARKET HIGHLY NERVOUS AND ERRATIC

Will Government Release Loan Cotton?

Bombay: July 24.

On Wednesday the New York cotton futures market was highly nervous and erratic. The market opened steady. After initial irregularity prices broke sharply on heavy commission house liquidation, local professional and New Orleans selling and uncovering stoploss orders. Later prices recovered partially on improved trade support. Short covering and replacement buying. Finally relapsed on renewed liquidation and the market was barely steady.

It appears that developments in the Far-East after a rapid rise of about 100 points induced heavy liquidation. It is difficult to say whether the main trend has turned as weather reports do not show any improvement and naturally the market being over bought, needed natural reaction to maintain healthy state. Moreover the upward revision of yarn and cloth prices are expected to induce large sales in dry goods market.

However, at the present high level buyers are cautious as the U. S. Government is expected to release a portion of loan stock. This act may have a depressing effect for some time, but more depends upon the crop outlook

The New York cotton market opened at rise of 4 points with October 16.80. There after a decline of 28 points was reported but official closing quotations are not received.

PRIVATE CABLES

Messrs. Wm. D Ten Broeck of Messrs Schwaback and Co., New York, has received the following cable:—

Secretary Agriculture studying methods releasing loan cotton into market.

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market declined on heavy speculative and local selling. Closed quiet

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay: July 24.

Yesterday London Gold was £8/8/0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Silver quotations were unchanged with spot and forward 23 7/16d. The market was steady. No business was done at fixed prices. After the fixing production selling satisfied little trade demand New York spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 3/16. London Bombay spot and forward Silver parity was Rs. 62/8. The local market was quietly steady with scattered selling Quotations were as under:—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 42 4 6	63 0 6
Shravan	Rs. 42 5 0	63 0 9
Bhadarva	Rs. 42 5 6	63 1 3
Sovereigns	Rs. 28/8/6	

LONDON SILVER

London: July 23.

Spot	23 7/16
Forward	23 7/16

LONDON GOLD

London: July 23.

Gold bars fine per Oz. £8/8/0

Bombay Stock Exchange

Bombay: July 24

As a mark of respect to the memory of Ardeshir Hormusji Madon, the local Share Bazar remained officially closed to-day.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS.

Bombay: July 24.

		Rs. a. p.
Groundnuts	August—	
	Opening	37 10 0
	Highest	38 1 0
	Lowest	37 4 0
	Closing	37 11 3
Groundnuts	February—	
	Opening	40 2 0
	Highest	40 15 6
	Lowest	40 0 0
	Closing	40 9 0
Cottonseeds	September—	
	Opening	24 0 0
	Highest	24 8 0
	Lowest	23 14 6
	Closing	24 6 0
Castorseeds	May—	
	Opening	25 11 0
	Highest	25 13 6
	Lowest	25 4 3
	Closing	25 10 6
Castorseeds	September—	
	Opening	38 2 0
	Highest	40 2 0
	Lowest	38 0 0
	Closing	39 14 0
Cottonseeds	January—	
	Opening	41 0 0
	Highest	43 8 0
	Lowest	41 0 0
	Closing	42 6 0

LINSEED AND WHEAT.

Bombay: July 24.

Linseed September	6 9 0
Linseed May	9 8 0
Wheat September	4 13 0
Wheat January	5 1 6
Wheat May	6 11 0

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: July 24.

Yarn No.	August	Octbr.	Decmbr.
6 1/2s.	193	194	196
10 1/2s.	232	235	237
20 1/2s.	331	335	337
40s.	480	483	486

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: July 24.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—
Ready Bond Rs. 13/6
Shipment June Rs. 10 F.B.H.
Shipment September Rs. 9/10 F.B.H.
Indian Sugars Ready—
Ordinary Rs. 15/2 to 15/6
Large grain Rs. 15/7 to 17.
Tone:—Firm.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: July 24.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 7/32 Two months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 1/4 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Four months

B C RATES:
T T 1/5 29/32; D D 1/5 29/32
Banks selling T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks buying T T 1/6d; D D 1/6 3/32

NEW YORK:—

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, July 23.

OCTOBER

Previous close	16.76
To-day's opening	16.80
Difference	+.04
To-day's Close	16.34
Difference	—.42

Banks selling T T Rs 333 1/4 D D Rs 333 1/4
Banks buying T T Rs 330; D D Rs 328 1/2
Cross Rates Dol 4.02 1/2 3 1/2

MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 303; D D Rs. 303
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4; D D Rs. 296 1/4
Cross Rates Dol 4.43/47

JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 57 1/2
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62

JAPAN:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs. 81 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 77 1/4
Cross Rates Sh 1/2 1/2

BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40

STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123, D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95

SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D 155
Cross Rates Sh 2/4 5/32 7/32

HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs 85 1/4; D D Rs. 84 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 81 1/2; D D Rs 81 1/2
Cross Rates Sh 1/3 1/32

SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 19 3/4; D D Rs. 18 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 17; D D Rs. 17
Cross Rate Sh. 0-3 13/32

MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs. 62.04
Cross Rates Pes 19.5 21.5

LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100.20

NEW YORK:—
Cross Rates Dol 4.03 3/4
Japan Banks buying 60 days 76 1/2
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 34 3/4
London Silver 23 7/16 Ready; 23 7/16 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent.
1 to 5 months 1/2 per cent.
6 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone of Money Market:—Easy

COLOMBO QUOTATIONS

Bombay: July 24.

Rubber: Sheet 55 1/2; Crepe 56 1/8. Yesterday's closing: Sheet 55 1/2; Crepe 56.
Copra 32.25. Cocoanut oil F.O.B. nominal.
—A. P.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: July 23.

T T London on New York 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2; Madrid 40.50; Montreal 4 43/4.47; Berne 17.30/17.40; Stockholm 16.85/16.95.

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NEW YORK COTTON 29 POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICE.

OCTOBER

New York, July 24

Previous closing	16.34
To-day's opening	16.32
Difference	—02
To-day's closing	16.63
Difference	+29

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach July/August	Rs. 267
Broach April/May	Rs. 293

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, July 24

On the New York cotton market to-day October future opened two down at 16.32. The market is uncertain pending the Secretary of Agriculture's decision on loans release but yesterday's shake out might prove sufficient to correct the present technical position of the market.

The following are opening ranges :—

July (16.80/75) 16.32/32
October (16.91/89) 16.43/41
December (16.99/98) 16.54/52

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, July 24

Castorseeds unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta July/August (£18 15/16) £18 15/16
Linseed La Plata August (£12 1/2) £12 1/2
Groundnut Coromandal Coast July/August (£18) £18

JUTES

Dundee July/August (£52 nominal) £52 nominal
Lightning July/August (£48 nominal) £48 nominal

RUBBER

Spot (13 7/16d buyers) 13 7/16d buyers
Forward November (13 1/2d value) 13 1/2d paid and buyers

LONDON METALS

Tin (£258 1/4 buyers; £258 1/2 sellers) £259 3/4 buyers; £260 1/4 sellers. Firm.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 8 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, July 24

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, July 24

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London, July 24

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, July 24

Spot (23 7/16d) 23 1/2d + 1/16
Forward (23 7/16d) 23 1/2d + 1/16

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32) 1-5 31/32
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.33) 30.33
London on Shanghai (0-3 3/32 to 0-3 13/32) 0-3 3/32 to 0-3 13/32
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS.

London, July 24

There was no trading during the night session.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, July 24

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

General Motors (dol 38 1/2) unquoted
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 29 1/8) dol 29 3/8
U S Steel Common (dol 58 5/8) dol 59
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

Jutes, Cotton & Coals Quieter

CALCUTTA, July 24.

The Stock Exchange ruled easier today cottons, jutes, and coals were quieter while the Miscellaneous, and Industrials kept about steady. Government securities were unchanged. Speculative engineering issues also ruled easier on selling pressure.

The following are closing quotations: —Government securities 3 per cent Defence Bonds (1946) 101/15, 3 per cent Coal (1963-65), 95/3, 3-1/2 per cent Government Paper 95/15, 3 per cent Defence Loan (1949-52) 99/12, 4 per cent Loan (1960-70) 110/6, 4-1/2 per cent Loan (1955-60) 113/10, Bank of India 144/8, ex-div. small lot, Reserve Bank 104/8, Howrah Amta Railway 96.

Cottons: Bengal Nagpur 16/2, Bowreah (A pref) 219/8, Basanti Cotton 3/6, Cawnpore Textiles 8/5, Dhakeswari 15/4, Dunbar 237, Elgin 23/4, Kesoram 7/15, New Victoria (ord) 3/8, (pref) 6/7.

Coals: Amalgamated 25/4, Bengal 359, Burra Dhemo 4/3, Borrea 16/4, Bokaro and Ramgur 15/4, Burrakur 13/4, Dhemo Main 23/2, New Beerbhoom 14/9, ex-div. Raneegunge 26/6, Union 30/8.

Jutes: Adamjee (pref) 156, Alexandra (pref) 133/8, Albion 209/8, Anglo-India 345, Auckland 149, Bally 236, Barnagore 107, Bengal Jute (ord) 16/13, Budgebudge 362, Calcutta Jute 18/4, Cheviot 206, Chitavalsah 12/14, Clive 25, Craig 2, Delta 430/8, Fort William 252, small lot, Fort Gloster, 532, Gourepore 694/8, Howrah 53/10, Hukumchand 12/2, India 361/8, Kamarhatty 515, Lawrence 415, Megna 45/12, National 23/10, Nellimarla 10/8, New Central 324, small lot, Orient 208/8, Presidency 5/8, Standard 295, Union 430, Waverley 3/6.

Miscellaneous:—Burma Corpn. 4/7, Consolidated Tin 2/9, Indian Copper, 2/2, ex-div., Tavoy Tin 1/3, Dalmia Cement ord. 13/4, pref. 118, Alkali and Chemical ord. 18/9, Benares Elec. 14/4, Cuttack Elec 10/14 Mozafferpore Elec. 13/6, Rawalpindi Elec. 26/4, U. P. Electric 188, Burn and Co. ord 403/8, Hukumchand Steel ord. 14, Indian Galvanizing 29/6, Indian Iron and Steel 31/15, Indian Wagon ord. 65, Indian Steel and Wire Products, ord. 56, Kumardhubi Eng. ord. 4/4, National Iron and Steel 9/4, Steel Corpn. 19/12, Pref. 120/12, Concord of India Insurance 9/12, prem, small lots, Associated Hotel (pref.) 92, Bararee Coke 25/12, Balmer Lawrie 327/8, B. I. Corpn. ord. 4/10, Pref. 184, Calcutta Silk Pref. 119, Dunlop Rubber ord. 4/8, small lot, Second Pref. 121/8, Indian Rubber Manfg. 29/4, Ivan Jones 3/4, Rohtas Industries 156, Orient Paper 46/12, Shree Gopal Paper 12/6, Star Paper 11/8, Titaghur Paper 19/2, small lot, Calcutta Hydraulic 137, small lot, Humayan Property Pref. 10/10, Connamara S. 1.28 cts., Kuala Sidim 8 2.42 cts., Sugar Balrampore 8/6, Bharat 7/10, Rasa 18/7, Samastipore 8/12.

Tea:—Shares Arcuttipore 12/8, Chamong 9/14, Dufflaghur 13, Dielle 11, Gungaram 380, small lot, Hasimara 46/12, Kornafuli 14, Nagri Far 20/12, Nags Hill 14/10, New Terai 10/8, Ranicherra 10/12, Sapoi 11/12, Telolijam 7/7, Tezpore Ord. 8, Pref. 14/8. 4-1/4 per cent 1938-50 Rohtas Industries Debs 104/10, 4-1/2 per cent 1937-57 Bengal Paper Debs 105/8.—A. P.

BURMA RICE VARIETIES' PRICES

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes :—

The Government of Bombay has notified the following fair maximum prices of leading varieties of Burma rice for wholesale and retail sales in Bombay City, effective from Friday, July 25, until further notice :

The prices are for 168 lbs. and per paylee respectively.

	Rs. a.	As. p.
Bassein Small Mills	12- 7	9-0
Amba More No. 1	13-13	9-9
Amba More No. 2	13- 9	9-5
Halwa (Khanauto)	13-14	9-3
Madhia Mandla	14-15	10-0
Mandla Ordinary	13- 6	9-6
Sugandhi No. 1	13-13	9-9
Sugandhi No. 2	13- 6	9-6
Europe Quality	13-13	9-9
Special	12- 3	8-9
Rangoon Small Mills	12-14	9-3

Wholesale rates will be five annas less ie C.I.F. sales for reshipment from docks. When delivered thence in railway wagons, carts or lorries for carriage inland, this rate will be two annas less. When sold by Vakharias and Chhaparias, a margin of six annas over the wholesale rate is allowed. The retail rates are for cash purposes.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON : July 23.

The Stock Exchange undertone remains steady, but various sections moved irregularly. Gilt-edgeds were neglected, but Industrials provided some good feature. Home Rails improved, while Diamonds Debentures rose from 140 to 145 shillings on fair inquiry. Oils displayed more activity with Mexican Eagles prominent. Among foreign Bonds Japanese fell away but several European issues were marked up.—Reuter.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, July 24

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, July 24

London Stock Exchange was hesitant.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London, July 24

5 per cent 1958/68 £104 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols £81 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £113 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 7/8
New York Loan £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £112 5/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 13-7 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 33-3
Electric Music Industry 12-0
Princhin Johnson 21-4 1/2
Imperial Chemicals 31-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 54-0
Sau Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £60 1/2
Dundee Rubber 34-9
Unilever Ordinary 25-0
Ford Motors 20-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £60
British American Tobacco Ordinary 82-6
Carreas 'A' £4 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary 103-9
P and O Def 25-4 1/2
Distillers 64-9
Bredfords Dye 5-3
British Celanese 5-3
J and P Coates 32-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 30-0
Fine Cotton Spinners 3-4 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-9
Inter Nickel dol 39 1/2
Indian Iron 48-1 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam Company 18-1 1/2
Donaro Tea 28-1 1/2
Empire of India 20-0

JUTE

Barnagore £7

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 16-0
Gula Kelampong 15-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 27-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 19-4 1/2
Burma Corporation 6-6
Rio Tintos £5 1/2
East Rand Properties 41-10 1/8
Rand Mines £7

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 1/8
Associated Portland Cement 88-7 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 61-10 1/2
Sub Nigel £7
Spring Mines Split Shares 20-7 1/8
Union Corporation £6 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 29-4 1/2
Anglo India 33-1 1/2
Burma Oil 52-6
Mexican Eagle 8-9
Shell Transport 46-7 1/8
Royal Dutch £18 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £56 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £13 5/8
London North Eastern Def £1 6/8
London Southern Defd £11 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent £124
London Transport £37

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, July 24

The market has continued to be active. Securities were steady, while Banks, Textiles and Plantings have been active. Miscellaneous issues were unchanged.

Transactions reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon to-day :—

Indian Bank 39/4, 38/4 cd; do 124/8 cd; Bank of Hindustan 24/12; Cambodias ord 10, 10/1, Palani Andavar pref 52/4; do ord 52/12, 52/4; Coimbatore Cotton 115, 114; Trichy Mills 10/12, 10; Maduras 41; Ranga Vilas 65/12, 65/8, 68, 66; Kaleeswarar 303; Coimbatore Spinning 60/12; Pankajas 113/8, 113; Cochin Textiles ord 9 small lot; Vasantas 128/8; Rajagiri 6/6 small lot; 6/2; Cochin Malabar ord 8/4; 8/6 cd; Tropicals 8/15, 9, 9/1; Fringford 7/10; Devashola 8/8; Malabar ord 8/4, 8/6 cd; Tropicals 21 cd; Cochin Rubbers 18, 18/12; Midlands Debs 96; Kalasas 7/6, 7/4; Be Be 6/7, 6/8; Travancore Rubbers 8/15, 9, 9/1; Fringford 7/10; Devashola 8/8; Mlamallay pref 26/8 small lot; 26/4 cd; Ord 24/12 cd; Chembras 4, 4/1; Cottanad ord 6/2; Kalpettas 21/8 small lot; 21/6; Vaikundam 8/2; Nellithanam 7/12 small lot; Berhampore Electric ord 11/6; do pref 12/12; South Madras Electric Corporation ord 13/10; Travancore Sugars 14; Hindustan Investment Trust 13/10; Andhra Cement ord 85, 86; Mysore Chemicals 18/2, 18/4, 18; Mysore Paper 15/4, 15/6; Bruntons 10; Indian Steel Rolling ord 7/4.

Asian Assurance Co., Ltd.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Asian Assurance Co. Ltd. was held on 23rd instant at the Asian Building, Bombay. The annual accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 1940 were adopted.

The results of the polls taken at the meeting held on 16th July 1941 were declared and the following Directors were declared duly elected by an overwhelming majority :—

(1) Mr. James N. Heredia; (2) Mr. S. F. B. Tyabji; (3) Mr. Gopaldas U. Chhabria; and (4) Mr. Narayandas Bhagwandas.

JAPANESE NAVY STEAMING SOUTH

CHUNGKING, JULY 23.

WHILE JAPAN HAS BEEN PRESENTING DEMANDS FOR AIR AND NAVAL BASES IN SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA, JAPANESE WARSHIPS AND TROOPS TRANSPORT HAVE BEEN MOVING SOUTH, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE ARMY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY.

He stated that 7 Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kiushu in Southern Japan yesterday steaming south. Thirty transports escorted by three warships had also been seen steaming south from Canton.

Jap Demands

The Japanese demands to Vichy include "the use of Camrahn Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and garrisoning troops in southern Indo-China", according to the Chinese spokesman, who said he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

He added that the Vichy Government was at present refusing the Japanese demands.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of Japanese invasion of Southern Indo-China the spokesman stated China would take all the necessary measures for her self-defence.

Will Vichy Yield?

AFTER SAYING THAT THE AGREEMENT OF AUGUST, 1940 RECOGNISES THAT JAPAN HAS RIGHTS DUE TO A NATION MOST INTERESTED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER IN THE FAR EAST OFFICIAL VICHY NEWS AGENCY ADDS: "THE JAPANESE ARE OF OPINION THAT EVENTS REPORTED IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF INDO-CHINA CONSISTING A THREAT TO THIS ORDER OF WHICH THEY ARE DEFENDERS.

French political observers are of opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given to her."

Facilities May Be Granted

An indication that the people of French Indo-China are being prepared for an early announcement of an agreement giving Japan new facilities in Southern Indo-China is seen in a message issued here on Wednesday by the Official News Agency Arip says a message from Hanoi.

The agency quotes Paris newspapers as advising the French Government to "take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation become further complicated."

The papers are stated to add: "It is possible that a crisis infinitely vaster than recent crisis in the Near East may arise in the Far East and in view of the material impossibility of a military measure diplomatic measures must be taken in agreement with Japan to assure Indo-China's safety."

The message says relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements that are in full force. It confirms that the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy Mr. Sokomatsu Kato recently twice called on Admiral Darlan.

Vichy Silent About Ultimatum

Franco-Japanese talks were the subject of a semi-official announcement here last night, but it contains no reference to the Japanese Indo-China ultimatum.

It says, "Conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador Mr. Sokomatsu Kato are continuing by the intermediary of Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy. At the same time Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China has several times received Major Simita head of the Japanese Military Mission.

These inter-changes of view are taking place within the frame work of agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

Press of unoccupied France has so far remained silent on the question.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes:

There is little reason to doubt the authenticity of the news that Japan has given Vichy an ultimatum about Indo-China, although no official confirmation has been received in London.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in Northern Indo-China it will not be easy to prevent them spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government. Rather is it likely that they will use it as a jumping off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion?

Whether they will travel southwards against the Netherlands East Indies or westwards against Thailand in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma Road, lifeline of Chungking, is in the lap of the goods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests, and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks up any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two Governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and other Dominion Governments have also taken part in these exchange of views.

Chance Of America Entering War

But still such a decision is not only possible; rumours is pointing to his forcing a decision in these directions. Japan has now issued an ultimatum to Indo-China and it seems that the Japanese will occupy that country in which case it is probable that Britain and America will declare war—they are prepared to meet that event.

The entry of America as an active participant in the world war will be hastened by this Japanese action.

The attitude of Russia will be of great importance. Russian Siberian armed forces on land, sea and air are separately organised and have their own bases and supply factories.

They are powerful. It is only a few years ago that the Russian army inflicted a bloody defeat on the Japanese in Mongolia. The Soviet Air Force in Vladivostock is within easy bombing distance of Tokyo.

French Ships Asked Not To Leave Indo-China

During the last four or five days all French merchant ships have been forbidden to leave Indo-Chinese harbours according to reports from travellers arriving at Singapore. No reason for this measure is reported.

LT. ABDUL HAMID DIES OVERSEAS

PESHAWAR, July 24.

According to a telegram received here by his relatives the death occurred in action on July 14 overseas of Second Lieut. Abdul Hamid, nephew of Lt.-Col. Sir Hissamuddin, a member of the Council of State and Chief of Staff, Bhopal State Forces.—A. P.

BREST AND CHERBOURG HEAVILY DAMAGED

Strong attacks were made on Wednesday night and to-day on the "Gneisenau" at Brest and the "Scharnhorst" at La Pallice. Cherbourg was also heavily attacked and several direct hits were scored on battleships and all the three ports were heavily damaged.—Reuter.

Nazi Forces In Bessarabia Routed After Fierce Fighting

SOVIET PLANES BOMB NAZI CONVOY, SINK 10 SHIPS

A Soviet communique issued tonight by the Soviet Information Bureau announces that "during July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were waged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front.

At one point of the Bessarabian front our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment capturing 400 cars, 300 motor cycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, 89 throwers and other armaments.

Our Air Force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanized units and aircraft on aerodromes". The communique goes on to give individual episodes.

10 Enemy Ships Sunk

Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy states the official Soviet news Agency.

Five of the ships were sunk by a Soviet destroyer. The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when it was proceeding north. Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back the news of the presence of enemy ships Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled transports. Enemy vessels exploded and sank.

150 Planes Participate In Raid On Moscow

German aircraft again attempted to raid Moscow last night says the Moscow radio. Only eight or ten enemy planes succeeded in breaking through the defences. No military target was damaged.

About 150 Nazi planes participated in the raid Several were brought down but the exact figures are not yet available.

BATTLE OVER SMOLENSK

Soviet And German Claims

LONDON, July 24.

To-day's news from the Eastern Front is mainly concerning the fate of Smolensk:—

German commentators in Berlin say that very large Soviet forces compelled the main body of German troops to make a wide detour round Smolensk.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent says that Smolensk is and has always been in Russian hands.

The official German News Agency says that complete order now reigns in Smolensk, which has been firmly in German hands since July 16.

An American broadcaster from Moscow says "I can assert on the basis of unimpeachable non-official information that Smolensk is still in the hands of Russians."

NAZI CARGO OF MUNITIONS SUNK.

"A German barge with a cargo of munitions blew up, five kilometres from the Rumanian town of Oltenitsa on the Danube", says a Soviet communique. "Two oil tankers caught fire from the explosion and six thousand tons of oil were destroyed by fire".

A Soviet communique states "during the night of July 23 intense fighting continued in the directions of Porkhov, Polotsk, Nevel, Smolensk and Zitomir. On other sectors of the front there were no large scale operations. Our airforce continued to deliver blows on enemy motorised troops and his aerodromes."

SOVIET LEGATION TO QUIT FINLAND.

BERLIN, July 24.

The Soviet Minister M. Orlov and other members of the Soviet Legation in Finland will leave Helsinki for Torku on Thursday, reports the German Official News Agency.

They will continue their journey on board a Finnish ship. Members of the Finnish Legation in the Soviet union will leave for Turkey at the same time.

SOVIETS BOMB TURKU.

HELSINKI, July 24.

The enemy bombed the surroundings of Turku on Wednesday, according to a communique issued here to-day. The communique adds "to-day they bombed southwest parts of the country. Only small damage was done. An attempt to bomb Helsinki failed. Five enemy planes were destroyed.—Reuter.

Soviet Air Hero

The latest Soviet air hero is sergeant pilot Tomin who singlehanded tackled ten German planes.

The fiercest hail of fire yet heard from Moscow's anti-aircraft batteries met the Nazi bombers approaching Moscow last night (Wednesday) with the object of "blitzing" the Soviet capital for the third successive night.—Reuter.

Berlin Claims

BERLIN, July 24.

The German High Command reports from Hitler's headquarters "on the whole Eastern Front the operations of the German armed forces and their allies are proceeding according to plan despite strong local resistance and difficult road conditions, strong bomber formations last night (Wednesday) bombed economic and military objectives of Moscow with bombs of all calibres."

A big advance on the Eastern Front by the Hungarian forces is claimed in the latest Hungarian communique quoted in Budapest telegram.—Reuter.

Hyderabad Showroom At Bombay

H. E. H. the Nizam's Government have sanctioned the opening of a showroom of the Cottage Industries of Hyderabad at Bombay with a view to pushing the sale of Hyderabad cottage industries.

Forward Bloc Member Set Free

PESHAWAR, July 24.

As a result of the appeal of leading Hindu citizens of Peshawa the Provincial Government have released to-day Mr. Bakshi Faqirchand, a member of the Forward Bloc, from detention.

It may be recalled that Mr. Bakshi was detained under the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

BERLIN WIRELESS MENTIONS GOERING

LONDON, July 17.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes:

The Berlin Wireless and other Nazi propaganda channels went out of their way to mention Goering yesterday as if to overtake the well-founded reports that he is in disgrace. Secrecy was, however, maintained about his whereabouts.

These reports say that Goering has fallen out with Hitler and he is surrounded by Gestapo guards. The quarrel is said to have originated after the collapse of France last year when his advice to invade Briain immediately was ignored.

The Berlin Wireless said that Goering, Dr. Funk and other leading personalities had sent birthday congratulations to State officials.

According to another Berlin report, it was stated in competent German quarters that, although nothing could be said to reveal Goering's whereabouts, "it can be assumed that in the near future he will appear in connection with some official activity."

LONDON, July 22.

When the Duke of Devonshire opened the Seamen Hostel for Indian seamn at Glasgow to-day a donation of £150 from Her Majesty the Queen was announced towards the cost of the Hostel, which is to accommodate 400 Indian seamen. The hostel is housed in one of Glasgow's old mansions overlooking the Glasgow Green.—Reuter.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 24th July 1941 :—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs —.032 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 83.0 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 77.4 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 88.4 deg. (3.4 above normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 80.2 deg. (4.1 above normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 77 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. W.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 7 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 191 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hrs. 17 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 2.
Rain in 24 hours 0.00 inches.
Total rainfall during the month 13.69".
Total rainfall during the year 21.85".
Weather Remark : Variable sky.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 24/7/1941.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 85.0 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.00 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.79 inches.

For corrections of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

MALABAR CYCLONE RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Secretary, Malabar Cyclone Relief Committee in acknowledging the following further contributions, states :—

Amount previously acknowledged Rs. 6,130; Bombay Motor Merchants' Association Rs. 337; Mill Gin Stores Merchants' Association Rs. 101; Sjt. V. K Menon Rs. 101; Messrs. Excelsior Finishing Products Co. Rs. 101; Messrs. Pioneer Magnesia Works Ltd. Rs. 100; Messrs. C. shantilal and Rs. 95; Sjt. B. P. Pattani Rs. 75; From Deolali through Mr. N. K. Thampan Rs. 35; Borders of the Nayar Samaj Co-opt. Lodge Rs. 34; Messrs. Batliboi and Co., Nagdevi Branch Rs. 25; Messrs. Calcutta Chemicals Rs. 25; Messrs. Patel and Co. Rs. 25; Sjt. L. V. Valdya Rs 25; The Ideak Engineering Co. Rs. 25; Sjt. K. P. Rao Rs. 20; Sjt. Chunilal Manilal Rs 20; Sjt. K. S. Shah Rs. 11; Messrs Mujilal and Co. Rs. 11; Messrs. Chandulal and Co. Rs. 11; Box collections Rs. 277 15; Contributions through sale of tickets Rs 1,589-6. Total Rs. 9,074-12.

"We are sending the amount to the Malabar Cyclone Relief Committee, Calicut, and Cochin Cyclone and Flood Relief Committee, Trichur. Names of purchasers of donation tickets will be announced later. That all Malayalees resident in Bombay should give a day's earnings to the Cyclone Relief Fund was passed at a meeting of the Keralites held last Sunday at Dadar. Further contributions may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, 21 Palm Mansions, Tilak Road, Dadar."

Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Ltd.

During the 12th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Ltd., which was held in the office of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co., on Thursday evening, the Chairman, Mr. R. C. Giles, stated that during the year under review the total sales of energy increased by 5.5 per cent (5,53,000 units) as compared with 12 per cent (5,25,000 units) for the previous year This limited advance was due principally to the effect of air raid precaution measures. The Directors considered it desirable to maintain the dividend at the same figure as last year, namely, 7 per cent and transfer a sum of Rs. 5,000 from the General Reserves.

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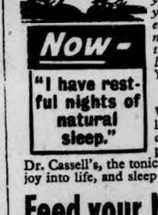

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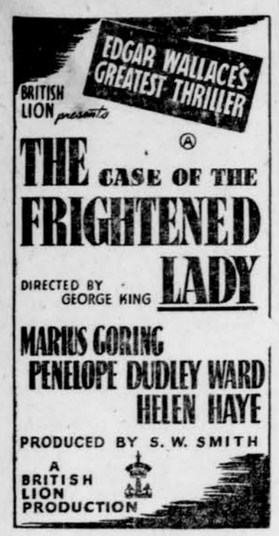

NEW EMPIRE

4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.

Bombay & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Shravan Shud 1, 1997
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akhar 29, 1360
Parsi: Behman 24, 1310
Hightide: 0-10, 12-54.
Lowtide: 6-10, 19-01
Sunrise: 6h. 13m.
Sunset: 7h. 17m.

GANDHI S. S FLOOD RELIEF: The Gandhi Seva Sena has decided to stop their Flood Relief Fund, as the Mayor, the B. P. C. C. and Sjt. Mahadevbhai Desai are collecting for the same purpose.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 13 will meet near the Byculla Fire Brigade Station to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time. In the event of there being heavy rains, the visit may be postponed.

M. RAHIMTULLA DISPENSARY: The number of new patients treated at the Mahomedbhoy Rahimtulla Free Dispensary at Sandhurst Road for the week ending 19th July 1941 was 371. Of these 232 were males and 139 females.

KARNATAKA VIDYARTHI SANGHA: The following office-bearers were elected for the year 1941-42:—Messrs. R. D. Mendon, President; C. A. Salian, Vice-President; D. P. Puthran, General Secretary; S. D. Kanchan, Assistant Secretary; M. K. Salian and R. A. Kotian, Treasurers; P. S. Shetty, Editor, "Vidyarthi Bandhu".

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"My Favourite Wife". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Six Lessons from Madame Lazonga". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"River's End". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Lady Hamilton" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Case of the Frightened Lady". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Narad-Naradi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
ATHE—"Asra" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Naya Sansar" Daily at 3-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Charano-ki Dasi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Lagan" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Manthan" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Shadi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Amrit" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
APOLLO—"Premnagar" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Kangan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Pardesi" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Chitralekha" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Chitralekha" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Kermani Resigns From Restaurant Keepers' Association

Mr. K. G. Kermani, President of the Bombay and Suburban Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Association, was tendered his resignation of the presidentship to the Managing Committee of the Association.

In the course of his letter of resignation Mr. Kermani recalls how the Association was started a few months ago to make an organised effort to obtain relief from some of provisions of the Shop Assistants Act. Although it had some initial success, Mr. Kermani deplores that the affairs of the Association have become muddled and unsatisfactory due to the want of a spirit of harmony and discipline.

He says in the circumstances he has no alternative but to resign.

SARDAR UJJAL SINGH IN BOMBAY.

Sardar Bahadur Ujjal Singh, M.L.A., Punjab, Leader of Khalsa Nationalist Party arrived in Bombay by the Punjab Mail on Thursday. He is 'en route' to attend the non-Party Leaders' Conference in Poona. He is staying at "Gulzerin", Colaba.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Dimmer Lighting Essential

The thirty-first concert of the Bombay Symphony Orchestra Society at the Regal Theatre last evening gave a completely orchestral programme of the usual high standard. Most of the instruments were given due scope and came out creditably. Special mention should be made of young Bilimoria who did full justice to the flute score in Handel's "Arietta"; he is a flutist of promise.

The first half of the programme with Mozart and Handel was rather heavy but was balanced by the lighter second half. The simplicity of theme and melody of Handel stood in contrast with the fuller style of Mozart's "Titus Overture." The Jupiter Symphony, was beautifully rendered; the violins brought out the melody of the Andante Cantabile with tender expression; the Menuetto and Trio with the delightful flowing movement were characteristic of Mozart at his best—a composer with an easy unlaboured flow of music.

In the second half Elgar sounded rather poor compared with what had gone before and which was still echoing on the senses, though the strings rendered the vibrating cadences exceedingly well. The "Habenera" of Chabrier and Saint-Saens "Marche Heroique" brought the programme to its end on a lighter note. The last piece formed a good substitute for a Strauss Waltz for the concluding item.

When the concerts were held at the G. J. Hall the dazzling lights caused considerable annoyance—though the concerts are now held at the Regal where it would be very easy to dim and switch off the lights in the auditorium, unfortunately it is not done, though a half-hearted attempt was made during the second half of the programme. If the lights are switched off the annoyance and distraction of bobbing heads and the entrance of late-comers would be removed. Will the Hon Secretaries please do something at the next concert?

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. P. J. Ghandy, Backward Class Officer, Province of Bombay, is granted leave on average pay for one month and 11 days, followed by leave on half average pay for one month and 16 days and extraordinary leave for nine months and three days from date of relief.

Dr. P. M. Wagle, M.B.B.S. (Bom.), D.P.H. (Lond.), D.T.M. (Liv.), D.B. (Manchester), M.D. (Bom.), is appointed in the Bombay Medical Service—Class I, Division II, as Assistant Director, Haffkine Institute, Bombay.

Mr. S. K. Phadke, M.B.B.S., B.M.S.—Class I, Division II, Superintendent, Central Mental Hospital, Yeravda, is granted leave on average pay for four months from the date of his relief. On the expiry of his leave he is posted as Superintendent, N. M. Mental Hospital, Naupada, Thana.

On the expiry of the sanctioned period of his deputation to the Junagadh State Rao Bahadur K. J. Gandhi, B.A., B.E. (Civil), M.R.San.I. (Lond.), A.M.I.E. (Ind.), Assistant Engineer (I), is granted leave on average pay for four months from 23rd June 1941.

Mr. N. B. Kudalkar B.E., B.S.E., Assistant Engineer, is transferred from the Deccan Irrigation Circle, to the Northern Circle in the interests of the public service.

Mr. A. K. Naik, a Magistrate of the Second Class in the district of Kolaba, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

Bombay War Publicity Committee

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Marathi: 8 a.m. Recorded music. 8-05 News bulletin. 8-20 Recorded music. 8-25 "Nazis to use poison gas"—A talk. 8-30 Recorded music. 8-35 "German Airmen unwilling to fight"—Talk.

Marathi: 5-30 p.m. Recorded music. 5-35 "Futile Air Raids on Moscow"—A talk. 5-40 Recorded music. 5-45 News bulletin. 6 Recorded music. 6-06 "U. S. must enter the war"—A talk.

Gujarati: 10 a.m. Recorded music. 10-05 News bulletin. 10-20 Recorded music. 10-25 "Nazis to use poison gas"—A talk. 10-30 Recorded music. 10-35 "German Airmen unwilling to fight"—A talk.

Gujarati: 4 p.m. Recorded music. 4-05 "Futile Air Raids on Moscow"—A talk. 4-10 Recorded music. 4-15 News bulletin. 4-30 Recorded music. 4-36 "U. S. must enter war"—A talk.

Hindustani: 1 p.m. Recorded music. 1-05 News bulletin. 1-20 Recorded music. 1-25 "Nazis to use poison gas"—A talk.

Hindustani: 6-10 p.m. Recorded music. 6-15 News bulletin. 6-36 "German Airmen unwilling to fight"—A talk. 6-40 Recorded music. 6-45 "Futile Air Raids on Moscow"—A talk. 6-55 Recorded music. 7 U. S. must enter war"—A talk.

Ramakrishna Mission Triple Relief Funds

Swami Sambuddhananda, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, Bombay, acknowledges the following contributions for Ramakrishna Mission Riot, Cyclone and Flood Relief Works in Bengal, and Malabar (South India) during the last two months.

Previously acknowledged (No. 1) Rs. 2,609; the General Secretary, South Indian Association for Cyclone and Flood Relief Fund (2nd instalment) Rs. 500; A Sympathiser Rs. 102; the Gen Secretary, Travancore Association for Cyclone and Flood Relief Fund Rs. 80; A friend Rs. 51; Mr. Ramdas Narandas Rs. 25; Mrs. Mani Rs. 25; Prof. G. C. Banerjee Rs 10; Mr. B. Sen Gupta Rs. 10.

Including sums less than Rs. 10, the total stands at Rs. 3,513-8-0

Any contribution however small will be received and acknowledged by the President or Secretary or Treasurer, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mission, Khar, Bombay 21.

INDIAN SOLDIERS' BROADCASTS

SIMLA, July 24.

A new broadcast service for Indian soldiers in the Far East has been inaugurated by the Delhi Station of the All-India Radio. It is broadcast in all the wavelengths used by the Delhi Station from 4-30 to 5-00 in the evening every day.—A. P.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that the following restrictions are imposed by the Japanese Government on telegrams:

(1) Telegrams are accepted at sender's risk only.

(2) Telegrams are subject to censorship and can be stopped or delayed etc. without notice to the sender.

(3) Private telegrams should be written in clear English language, following codes are however accepted in private telegrams exchanged by Tokio, Yokohama, Osaka and Kobe offices on condition that the name of the code used should be shown in preamble by its abbreviation.

(a) Bentley's second phrase code (Bensc)
(b) Bentley's complete phrase code (Bencom).
(c) Acme commodity and phrase code (Acme).

(4) Reply paid telegrams are not accepted.

CAWNPORE STRIKE FIZZLES OUT

CAWNPORE, July 24.

The textile strike fizzled out to-day after ten days. When the mills whistled this morning all workers returned to their work. All mills are now working with normal complements.—United Press.

THE LATE MR. MADON

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Ardeshir Hormusji Madon, the "uncrowned king" of the Bombay Stock Exchange died at 2 p.m. yesterday at Dr. Anklesaria's House, Fort, at the age of 77.

His signal services were deeply appreciated by the Board and he was made an Hon. Patron on February 11, 1927, after his retirement from the committee with which he was associated continuously for a period of more than 20 years.

He was born in February 1865, in the metropolis of Bombay. He passed the Matriculation Examination in 1883 from the then Proprietory High School, of which the late Mr. Hormusji Jehangir Taleyarkhan was the sole Proprietor and Principal.

Then he joined the Elphinstone College, and graduated in 1886, and received his degree on January 18, 1887. After this he worked for some time as a private tutor to certain Parsee families and in 1892, he joined the Stock Exchange as a certified broker and had as a partner Mr. Jehangir Pestonji Patel.

The late Mr. Madon, became one of the Directors of the Stock Exchange in 1898. Both the partners did good business for nearly three years after which they separated and began to do business independently of each other.

He was a very simple-hearted, generous and lovable person who exercised a beneficent influence on those who came in contact with him. He lived an ideal life and entertained very lofty thoughts. He was very unostentatious and affable. He possessed singularly sound judgment and very great abilities. He was in reality a true example of plain living and high thinking.

"Chronicle" Timekeeper Passes

MR. PESTONJI D. DEBOO DIES OF CANCER

The death occurred, on Monday, at the age of 45, in his local residence, of Mr. Pestonji D. Deboo, the popular time-keeper of the "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Bombay Sentinel". He was operated on for cancer at the Dorab Tata Cancer Hospital at Parel on Monday and he died soon after the operation.

Mr. Deboo served the "Chronicle" for about 14 years, and was well known for his conscientious discharge of duties, regularity and punctuality in attendance. By his unostentatiousness and simplicity of life, he had endeared himself to all members of the staff. A true Zoroastrian, ardent student of "Ilm-e-Kshnoom" and God-fearing gentleman his untimely death has shocked all his friends and admirers. He leaves behind, besides his wife, three children.

Russo-Afghan Trade Pact

PESHAWAR, July 23.

The Russo-Afghan trade agreement signed at Paghman on July 23, 1940 between the representatives of the Afghan National Bank and the Russian trade delegates to-day completed its full year.

No indication has yet been received from Kabul whether or not the Pact's life will be further extended, but it is understood that the Afghan Government is likely to make an announcement shortly.—A. P.

A SIKH PROTEST.

SIMLA, July 24.

Sardar Gulabsingh, ex-M.L.A., with 60 other Sikhs from Lyallpur, has sent a telegraphic protest to the Viceroy and the Governor of Punjab for non-inclusion of a Sikh in the expanded Executive Council, stating the announcement of the personnel of the expanded Executive Council with the exclusion of a Sikh has deeply shocked the whole Sikh community.—A. P.

"VICEROY'S SINCERITY."

HYDERABAD (Dn.) July 24.

Sir Mohammad Yakub in the course of a press statement congratulates the Viceroy on the new selections His Excellency has made for the Executive Council. He says: "All those who have the good of the country at heart will appreciate the sincerity of the Viceroy, and the genuine desire of the British Government to secure the maximum co-operation and assistance of Indians in fighting the forces of Nazism. The step taken by the Viceroy is non-political and non-communal."—United Press.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS

The health returns of Bombay during the 29th week of 1941, i.e. the week ended 19th July, 1941, were as under:—

The total mortality 609 was 81 more than that of the last week and the death-rate registered was 21.3 on the Census population of 1941, as against 541 for the 29th week of 1940 and the death-rate 24.3. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 629 and the death-rate 28.2.

Out of the total deaths, 194 were among infants under one year of age. During the week, smallpox caused 4 attacks (including one imported from Punjab) and 2 deaths. Cholera and Plague were absent. There were 17 deaths from Typhoid Fever. Cerebro-Spinal fever caused 2 attacks but no death.

The number of live-births registered during the week was 692 which compares favourably with that for the 29th week of 1940 viz: 638. The quinquennial average for the corresponding weeks in the five years (1936-40) was 608.

BOOKING ON B. B. & C. I. RY.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The booking of passengers and parcels is now open from all booking offices in Bombay as usual, states a press communique issued by the B. B. and C. I. Railway.

As, however, trains leave Bombay about three hours earlier than their scheduled departure times, the booking of parcels can be done upto 2 p.m. only except at the Bombay Central parcel office, where booking can be done upto 15 hours.—A.P.

Cholera In Poona

POONA, July 24.

Cholera is another epidemic prevelent here. There is a regular inflow of three or four cases every day in the infectious diseases hospital and so far 26 cases, all from outside the city limits, have been admitted since July 18. Of these five proved to be fatal, says the medical officer in charge of the hospital.—A. P.

CAWNPORE, July 24.

Dr. Murarilal, M.L.A., and Maulana Hasrat Mohani are carrying on negotiations with the Labour Commissioner for the immediate release of workers who were arrested in connection with the textile strike. They have also laid emphasis on the question of dearness allowance.—A. P.

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BOMBAY: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1941.

FUTILE EXCUSES

The speeches at the tea party given to Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar on his appointment as a member of the Viceroy's Executive Council were necessarily very apologetic. Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas frankly said he did not know whether he should congratulate or sympathise with Mr. Sarkar for his appointment. Certainly one cannot withhold sympathy from a person who resigned the post of popular Minister because he would not support the policy of the Bengal Cabinet but who now accepts a job where he had less power to assert himself. Mr. Sarkar himself was even more apologetic in his speech. He plainly stated several things which would have justified his not accepting the unenviable position of a willing tool of the Viceroy. He stated the plain truth when he described Government as "unimaginative and uncompromising". But Government do not need to compromise their interests when they can find Indians to compromise their own rights. He was also quite right when he reproached Government with not extending "a square deal to India". But why should they when they can find even ex-Ministers to accept any crumb flung at them?

Disservice To Country

We unreservedly accept Mr. Sarkar's assurance that he is not after "job-hunting for its own sake" at a time "when so many of the trusted leaders of our country are undergoing incarceration". But is it not an affront to those very leaders and to the country to accept jobs spurned by them even if the acceptance is paved with good intentions? Mr. Sarkar assures the public that the country's cause will never suffer by any of his actions. It is a pity he does not realise that the acceptance of a scheme worse than the earlier one rejected by all the principal parties in the country itself does harm to the country. To this objection Mr. Sarkar's reply is that his acceptance of his office is not acceptance of Government's policy regarding India's constitution and that he has still "the same goal in view as any of the staunchest Nationalist Indians has and will never deviate from that" So far as the goal is concerned even Government state that their goal is full Dominion Status for India sometime in the future. The present struggle is for compete freedom immediately after the war and for a substantial step towards it right now. There is no definite declaration about the former demand nor is there the slightest advance towards the goal. In these circumstances for a self-respecting Indian to identify himself with the very Government that thus deny a fair and square deal to the country is doubtless a service to the Government but a grievous disservice to the country.

Willing Tools

To satisfy the qualms of his conscience and answer the objections of the public, Mr. Sarkar indulges in fond hopes that the crumb now thrown at the public will be followed by more and larger ones, and that "the present scheme may prove a turing point towards further developments and advance". If Government really intended any real advance they would have said so in response to the universal demand for it, without waiting for any pressure from Indian Executive Councillors from within. They have flouted the general demand, have sought to break the discipline in the political bodies ranged against them and have found some willing tools in their policy. To suppose that these tools will exert pressure on them is preposterous. Advance there will certainly be but it will not be because of anything that the non-official Indian associates of the Viceroy may do but in spite of their desertion from the camp of fighters for national freedom.

Co-operation In Bombay

The latest report on the working of co-operative societies in this Province is a record of the efforts that are being made to rescue the agricultural section of the co-operative movement from the serious difficulties which the continuous prevalence of low prices of produce has aggravated and which had already been hampering the work of consolidation and rectification. The momentum of the drive initiated by the Government two years ago for rural reconstruction and the relief of agricultural indebtedness appears to have slowed down and the co-operative movement has been deprived of the benefit which that comprehensive scheme of agrarian reform would have afforded to it. It is interesting to note the contrast which the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has set up between rural and urban parts of the movement in th's Province as to the degree of success which their working has shown. He observes: "If the members of a co-operative society are mostly illiterate, earn less than they spend and do not realise their obligations (as is unfortunately the case with a number of agriculturists), the society cannot possibly be a great success. Where, however the members have a surplus after meeting their expenditure, take an intelligent interest in the working of the society, and are prompt in meeting their obligations, the system is normally successful." He proceeds to point out that in this Province, the vast majority of salary-earners' societies and urban banks and many non-credit societies worked satisfactorily while agricultural credit societies found themselves in difficulties which it was not easy to overcome. The fact that the annual income of members of the latter class of societies is not always more than their minimum expenditure is fundamental in all attempts at the improvement of the lot of the rural population through the co-operative agency. The Registrar has done well to sound a note of caution as to the outcome of the endeavour that is being made to place rural societies on a sound footing. There are so many factors in the situation which, as he very properly points out, are beyond the control of his department and of non-official workers and unless prices improve and the monsoons are good, the future of agricultural societies must continue to be uncertain and cause anxiety. The experiment of starting multipurpose societies in suitable places which is now being tried in th's Province will be watched with interest. These societies widen the basis of rural co-operation and are thus calculated to prove more helpful than the mere credit societies. These institutions have, however, their own peculiar difficulties to face and it is to be hoped that the department will exercise due caution in expanding the movement in this next direction. The activities of the Department in the matter of the provision of marketing facilities on co-operative lines in rural areas constitute a welcome step and they will prove particularly effective when the Agriculturist Debtors' Relief Act comes into operation. Properly organised marketing may also be expected to contribute to the rehabilitation of the credit section of the co-operative movement. It deserves every encouragement for this reason.

Frankly Speaking

Vichy Yields

Vichy denies the Washington report to the effect that Japan had presented an ultimatum to France in connection with the military occupation of Indo-China. That makes little difference to the material facts of the situation. Certain demands were made upon Vichy by Japan. Those demands Vichy has decided to accept. How low Vichy has sunk is shown by the excuse it has already given to the public for surrendering to Japan. It has coolly adopted Japanese allegations of British designs against Indo-China and shame-facedly hinted that Japanese protection would be welcome! There are different versions as regards the specific nature of the Japanese demands. But whether they involve immediate military occupation of the whole country or the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China in the first instance, the essential point is that French Indo-China is going to serve, with Vichy's full and abject consent, Japan as a jumping off ground for her main drive. As such, it is a challenge both to America and Britain. Will they take it up and if so how? The possible attitude of neither is at all clear. Both talk, unofficially, of Japanese aggression and both hint at effective reprisals. But what form the reprisals will take and when are not indicated

Recruitment To I.M.S.

The two most important demands urged by the Indian medical profession with regard to the recruitment to the I. M. S. have been that there should be no discrimination between Indians and Europeans in the Service and that the civil side of the Service should be abolished. The conference, held at Simla, under the presidentship of Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai to consider these and other kindred questions, has resolved, with regard to discrimination, that greater publicity should be given to "the existing terms and conditions" for Emergency Commissions so as to bring out the fact that they involve no discrimination between Indian and European members of the Service. The idea seems to be that while the charge of discrimination in the past cannot be repudiated, the assurance is now given that there will be no discrimination in "the existing terms" for the war Emergency Commissioned officers. That is something, presuming that practice will square with the theory

Abolish The Civil Side

As regards the demand that the civil side of this essentially military Service should be abolished the Simla Conference held that the suggestion impinged on the constitutional field and could not be considered during the war. This is by now a very familiar excuse and we should not be surprised if it is also suggested that an agreement between the Indian and European members of the Indian Medical Service is a condition precedent for the consideration of the demand now or hereafter. But it is quite possible to transfer all the members of the Service from the civil side to the military on account of the war. This will not only not do any violence to the constitution of the Service but will rather serve its real purpose. As a matter of fact Indians on the civil side are being so transferred. If the British members are also transferred; the civil side will be at least suspended during the war and there will be no discrimination either.

Interesting Figures

An authoritative U.S.A. magazine gives comparative figures of current aircraft production which are interesting first because Germany is now fighting a two-front war in the air and, secondly, because Japan is bout to take the plunge on the side of the Axis. This magazine, the "American Machinist", estimates the monthly figures as follows: Germany 2,500, Russia 2,000, Britain 1,800, the U.S.A. 1,500, Japan 300 and Italy none except parts. This means that if the Axis and Japan produce a little over 2,800 planes a month, Russia, Britain and the U.S.A. produce no fewer than 5,800 planes. As the war progresses Russian production will drop, but so will Germany's, while the Americans are only just getting into their stride. It should, therefore, not be surprising if within the space of a few months the democratic group outproduced the Axis by 100 per cent and achieved total superiority over the latter before the year was out.

KING-HALL NEWSLETTER

Sidelights On War

The following are cabled extracts from the King-Hall Newsletter No. 262 dated July 17, 1941:

The Anglo-Russian agreement to give each other all possible assistance during the war "against Hitlerite Germany," to conclude no armistice except by mutual consent is one of the outstanding developments of the war up-to-date. In this matter, as in the broadcast speech on the day the Nazis launched their Russian campaign, Mr. Churchill has, once again, proved himself a great and far-sighted statesman. At no time in his long career have his qualities of leadership been more apparent.

We welcome the agreement, which is an alliance in all but name, hoping that before many months have passed it will also be signed by the United States and the Chinese representatives. As we have often said in these letters, the time has long since passed when it was correct to regard Russia as a Communistic State whose rulers were chiefly intent in upsetting by revolutionary action Capitalistic Governments all over the world. Ever since the eclipse of Trotsky, Russia has been a State capitalist affair whose foreign policy in world power politics has been governed by the interests of the Russian State and peoples. There are a number of aspects in the Soviet Regime which we, living in a Parliamentary Democracy like Great Britain, do not find to our liking, but having said this, it is also true to say that Soviet Russia represents an attempt to take control of capital from the hands of private individuals and vest it in the State. This seems very shocking to many Englishmen who are apparently blissfully unaware of the fact that by subtle methods (compared to which those adopted in Russia are extremely crude) the State in Britain has taken over control of capital to an even increasing degree. Perhaps, the fundamental difference between the Russians and ourselves to-day is that in Russia the executive which controls capital for the use of the nation cannot be removed by the people, whereas in Britain the contrary is the case.

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The successful conclusion of our campaigns in Syria and East Africa has made it possible for us to strengthen our forces along the Egyptian frontier, and it would not be surprising to see some important developments in this theatre of war in the near future. It was hoped that our recent attack on the Sollum-Fort Capuzzo sector might open the way for a new offensive in Cyrenaica. Unfortunately the Germans had as many tanks at their disposal as we had, and after inflicting substantial losses on the enemy we were obliged to withdraw to our own lines. Since then both British and American equipment has continued to pour into Egypt and meanwhile our bombers and submarines have taken very heavy toll of reinforcements and supplies going from Italy to our enemies in North Africa. There are signs that they are beginning to feel the pinch.

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"HERRENVOLK"—Cheap excursions are being run so that Germans may see the havoc wreaked by Nazi armies in Europe. Groups of school-children and university students pay nothing for the privilege of beholding devastated Poland and are even provided with Reichsmarks with which to buy, at absurd exchange rates, whatever takes their fancy. This subtle form of robbery is not all. In every Polish district offices have been set up to act as receiving centres "for requisitioned goods", a process which has been repeated to a greater or less extent in all occupied countries. In German towns and even in important villages bureaux for foreign goods have been opened to which these articles are sent and where they may be bought by ordinary German citizens at a trifling cost. The best of everything is reserved for high officials both military and civil. Many families have renewed their furniture and replenished their wardrobes by buying from these Bureaux. A neutral observer recently returned from Berlin was horrified by what he saw and asked some of his acquaintances whether they did not realise that these things had been stolen from people like themselves who are now condemned to suffer privation. Illuminating replies were received such as "The Germans don't steal, they take what they have a right to take", or "Those people are not like us. We are Herrenvolk, destined to rule the world", and even "What do I care about the ruin of these people? We suffered misery for years while they were well-fed and clothed. Now it is our turn."

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In the last decade Brazil dumped into the sea or burned 9,000 million pounds of coffee in an attempt to keep the price of that commodity from falling so low that all the Republic's planters would have been ruined. This glut has been accentuated by the closing of the European markets owing to the war. For some time past experiments have been made to find new uses for this surplus. Success has now been attained in producing an excellent plastic material from raw coffee, about 132 pounds being required to make a sheet 40 feet square and half an inch thick. This plastic has good insulating properties and has been found satisfactory for wall and floor coverings. A factory is now being constructed near San Paolo to produce it in quantities. It is hoped that the material may also be found suitable for making aeroplane and motor-car parts.

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In the Newsletter Supplement 252, we drew attention to the emphasis laid on patriotism to the Homeland in training the Red Army since the close of the Russo-Finnish War, the subordination of political commissars to the regular officers, and the reduction of their functions as instructors and welfare officers. New revelations in the Russian Press show that Marshal Timoshenko's 'obiter dicta' "discipline is the main strength of the army", and "teach the army only what is necessary in war and how to act in war", have been widely applied; individual training of the smallest units in the management of technical equipment and the preservation of communications have formed an important part of the soldier's education for war. These factors have contributed to the skill and tenacity with which the Soviet forces have stood up to the German juggernaut.

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The Reich Commissioner Ter Boven speaking recently at Oslo stated that 53 rich deposits of iron, copper, lead, zinc and nickel had been discovered in Norway. He added "Germany will work these deposits because this will be more acceptable to the Almighty God than if this natural wealth were to remain unused."

Two-Day Session Of Editors' Conference Ends

Informal Talks At Journalists' Association

BOMBAY, July 24.

The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference concluded its two days' session after passing a number of resolutions and accepting the resignation of Mr. Mahadev Desai from the Committee.

The most important resolutions were the one relating to Mahatma Gandhi's statements and their publication and another seeking to establish uniformity in the procedure of the various Provincial Press Advisory Committees.

Two separate resolutions on these subjects have been passed and they, together with the President's statement at the opening of the Conference, and the Government's reply thereon, will be released to the Press for publication later.

NEXT MEETING.

The Committee accepted an invitation from the Bengal Press Advisory Committee to hold its next meeting in Calcutta. The Committee also decided to send a deputation to the United Provinces to establish contact with the U.P. Government and the local Press Advisory Committee, with a view to seeing if the differences between the Government and the Committee could not be composed.

Mr. B. J. Kirchner, Chief Press Adviser to the Government of India, was present at to-day's meeting by special invitation.

All the members of the Committee were entertained to lunch by the proprietors of the "Bombay Chronicle" the "Bombay Sentinel" and the "Bombay Samachar" and to tea by the "Mathrubhoomi."

HORNIMAN'S TRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE'S WORK

Informal Talks At Journalists' Club

BOMBAY, Thursday.

That the Standing Committee of the All-India Editors' Conference which met in Bombay had come to a very satisfactory arrangement with the Government, regarding the publication of Gandhiji's statements was disclosed by Mr. B. G. Horniman, who presided over the reception on Thursday at the Journalists' Club to the members of the Standing Committee of the All-India Editors' Conference.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Horniman said that he was told that an arrangement was arrived at between the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference and the Government regarding the publication of Gandhiji's statements. The publication of any such statements, sequel to the understanding, was left to the discretion of the individual editor concerned, added Mr. Horniman, though he would have personally preferred somebody else to decide for him.

STRENGTHEN CONFERENCE

Mr. Sahani, Convener of the Conference, speaking next stated that various difficulties which the Press had been experiencing were considered at the Conference. They had also tried to secure such freedom of expression for the Press as was possible under the present difficult conditions. He added that they had also discussed the ways and means to strengthen the machinery in the provinces with the help of the Provincial Advisory Committee, so as to bring about greater influence on the Provincial Governments concerned. In the end, he appealed to all the newspapers to join the Editors' Conference, so that they might bring greater pressure to bear on the Government

Mr. Devidas Gandhi of "Hindustan Times" stated that they had done their best to safeguard the interests of the Indian Press.

Mr. C. R. Srinivasan of "Swadeshamitran" said: They had sought to create a machinery which may provide a healthy and useful contact between the Government and the Press. Both the Government and the Press had their own difficulties, and the Standing Committee was created to establish a liaison between the Government and the Press.

Mr. H. R. Moharey of the "Samyukta Karnatak", Hubli, explained the difficulties of editors in mofussil, and accounted an incident when the District Magistrate of Dharwar gave a long sermon to him in connection with the Press Ban Ordinance, while he (District Magistrate) was all the while unaware of the fact that the Ordinance in question had been withdrawn, sequel to the Editors' Conference's representation!

Mr. Horniman in his concluding remarks stated that he had never thought that the Conference would be able to bring about a position in which the Government were prepared to meet the representatives of the Press on equal terms, and therefore, he was grateful to the Conference. He had hopes of better understanding between the Government and the Press as a result of the efforts of the conference.

Office-goers & Suburban Train Service

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—It is the experience of one and all that during the busy time in the morning it is rather difficult and tedious to cover the distance either from the Churchgate or Victoria Terminus stations to Ballard Estate, more especially during the summer and monsoon seasons, and as such if the arrangement could be made to divert some of the local trains in the morning to the Mole Stations via Mahim and Vadala through B.P.T. track, the hundreds of passengers from suburb who are having working houses at Ballard Estate will find it very convenient to attend to their duties in time without any exertion. I wonder, therefore, whether it would not be possible for the Railway Companies—G.I.P. as well as B.B. and C.I. to take some of their local trains direct to the Mole Station every day in the morning between 9-30 and 11.

I sincerely trust that the Railway Companies with the consultations of the Bombay Port Trust authorities would consider this matter and find out the way to comply with the above suggestion.

I hope the Passengers and Traffic Relief Association will also give this matter their due attention.—Yours, etc.,

Y. A. AJINKYA.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

After saying that the agreement of August, 1940, recognises that Japan has rights due to a nation most interested in the maintenance of order in the Far East, the official Vichy News Agency adds that "the Japanese are of the opinion that events reported in the immediate neighbourhood of Indo-China constitute a threat to this order of which they are the defenders.—Reuter.

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According to an Anglo-Indian report, public reactions to the expansion of the Viceroy's Council have "neither displeased nor surprised official Simla."

Q.E.D.

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Welcoming Mr. N. R. Sarkar at a party organised in his honour, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas said that it had been fixed long before anybody anticipated the distinguished guest's new appointment.

Quite true. But the principles of hospitality demanded that the caveat should not have been emphasized.

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By the way, the Anglo-Indian report of the function announces that it was "a successful tea party."

Was any row really feared?

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According to Mr. Sumner-Welles, among the reasons why the League of Nations failed was "because of its utilisation by certain Powers primarily to advance their own political and commercial ambitions."

Any kick, however smart and justified, is cheerfully welcome as part of the Lease and Lend plan.

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"Just how far Britain and America will allow Japan to go in the establishment of threatening bases in Indo-China remains to be seen....", says the "News Chronicle" of London.

So far as America is concerned, it has already declared through Senator George; 'Thus far and no further.'

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The latest unconfirmed report is that German occupation troops in Bulgaria and Rumania have been withdrawn to reinforce the armies on the eastern front.

This is a compliment to Russia and Turkey both..

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Apropos of the reported attempt on his life, a contemporary remarks that "Mussolini has had more than the cat's proverbial nine lives."

Probably because Il Duce is another proverbial animal.

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Clashes are reported from Sophia and Athens via Ankara between Germans and Bulgarians and Germans and Italians.

No serious significance need attach to them, however. Both the Italians and Bulgarians possess great bending capacity.

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The Soviet Government has published German documents containing the High Command's instructions to Nazi troops with regard to a large scale use of poison gas.

We simply decline to be surprised.

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"It seems to me that your wife has been wearing a strange expression lately."

"Yes, she's trying to look like her latest photograph."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The only way some men can save money is by breaking into jail.

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A correct guess passes for wisdom even though it is only a guess.

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One woman has been known to make a man wonder why he was ever born.

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When the day breaks some men are too lazy to make use of the pieces.

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When a wise man is too tired to think, his talk is sure to sound foolish.

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"Hard work is beneficial," says a prominent physician. Of course it is—providing the other fellow doesn't charge too much for doing it.

Task Before Poona Conference

Sir Tej Reticent But P. N. Sapru Shows How Wind Blows

Jagdish Prasad Meets Jayakar

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A pointer towards the probable lead of the Non-Party Leaders' Conference to be held at Poona during the week-end, was given by the Hon. Mr. P. N. Sapru, who arrived in Bombay to-night, with his father, the Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru.

NO SOLUTION

The expansion of the Viceroy's Executive Council, he said, did not provide any solution to the political problem of India.

HOW WIND BLOWS

"The Liberal opinion on the question", he added "is more correctly voiced by the Rt. Hon. V. S Srinivasa Shastri than by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad and Sir Cowasji Jehangir."

The expansion of the Executive Council, said Mr. P. N. Sapru did not mean any transference of power because the important portfolios still remained in British hands.

SIR TEJ RETICENT

Sir Tej said that he did not wish to anticipate the Poona Conference by expressing any opinion at this stage. Questioned whether there was any truth in the report that the Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar would sponsor an important resolution concerning the step taken by Government, Sir Tej said that he did not know what the Standing Committee would decide.

Sir Tej was received at the Victoria Terminus by Sir B. Rama Rau and Lady Rama Rau, Mr. C. B. Mehta and Mr. B. Shiva Rao.

Sir Tej and Mr. P. N. Sapru will leave for Poona on Friday morning.

WILL "PARNAKUTI" AGAIN MAKE HISTORY?

POONA, July 24.

Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad, Convenor of the Non-Party Political Leaders' Conference had informal discussions this morning with the Right Hon. M. R. Jayakar and Dr R. P. Paranjpye at "Parnakuti", the residence of Lady Thackersey, regarding the agenda and resolutions for the forthcoming session of the conference.—United Press.

Aney Won't Attend Poona Conference

YEOTMAL, July 24.

The Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney has written to Sir Jagadish Prasad, Convener of the Leaders' Conference to be held at Poona, expressing his inability to attend the Poona meeting of the Conference in view of the recent developments.—A. P.

WHAT POONA CONFERENCE SHOULD DO

LUCKNOW, July 24.

"I do not think that these changes will ease the political situation at all", says Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth of Kotra, Working President of the Agra and Oudh Provincial Hindu Sabhas, in a statement to the press, prior to his departure to Poona to attend the Non-Party Leaders' Conference, referring to the expansion of the Central Executive Council.

At the most he thought that the addition of a few men with nationalist sentiments would be a great acquisition to the Council India's demand for complete Indianisation of the Council, based on equitable representation of all shades of political opinion had not been met, and he hoped that the Poona Conference will weigh, analyse and examine these changes and find out their real worth and substance and then rise to the occasion and reject them with all the vigour it is capable of.—A. P

SHE IS NOT A MERMAID!

A Kiss Is A Kiss— Even Under Water!

A scene from the world's strangest film, entirely 'shot' under eighteen feet of water.

See The Next Sunday Edition Of

The Bombay Chronicle

MANY OTHER INTERESTING FEATURES

SUNDAY, JULY 27

P. S.—There Are Saints, Stars And (Not So) Sacred Bulls On "The Last Page"

FUTURE OF FR. SOMALILAND

Britain Will Safeguard It From Design Of Enemies

LONDON, July 24.

The policy of the British Government is to ensure that the resources and territory of French Somaliland are not placed at the disposal of Britain's enemies.

Appropriate steps are being taken to achieve this object. The British Government have no territorial ambitions in French Somaliland.

Mr. R. K. Law, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this statement to-day (Thursday) in reply to a question in the Commons.

TAGORE TO BE BROUGHT TO CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, July 24.

"The Poet's conditions remains the same," said Kaviraj Bimalananda Tarkathirtha, who is now treating Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore, to a representative of the "Associated Press."

According to previous arrangements, Dr. Tagore is being brought to Calcutta tomorrow evening. — A. P

WAY OUT IS "BEYOND THE HORIZON"!

TRICHUR, July 23.

"The path of social reform is not strewn with roses, and hardships are the usual lot of reformers, especially in a custom-ridden State like Cochin," states Mr. Mahadev Desai in the course of a communication conveying Mahatma Gandhi's opinion to the President of the Cochin District Congress Committee, who sought advice regarding an ex-communicated husband and wife on account of their inter-caste marriage.

Mr. Desai expresses Mahatma Gandhi's inability to show the couple any way out of the difficulties if they should remain in Cochin. "But there is a way out" says Mr. Desai. "and that is to leave Cochin. Our friends seems to be a businessman and his wife a midwife. There should be no difficulty in both making an honourable living outside Cochin. But, as I have said, if they must remain in Cochin, they must pay the price"—A. P.

Science's Aid To Win War

LONDON, July 24.

Since the beginning of the war 50,354 inventions and ideas for waging war have been submitted to the Ministry of Supply according to Doctor H. J. Gough of the Scientific Research at the Ministry of Supply. Only about one idea in 400 is likely to help in winning the war but the public are asked to continue forwarding ideas.—Reuter.

Bajpai's Rank At Washington

SIMLA, July 24.

It is authoritatively stated that Sir Girja Sankar Bajpai, Agent-General for India in the United States of America, will be on the staff of His Majesty's Embassy at Washington and, for purposes of precedence, will like the United States' Commissioner in India, have the local rank of a Minister. —A. P.

Dr. S. Sinha

ALLAHABAD, July 24.

Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha, Vice-Chancellor of the Patna University, left for Poona, this morning to attend the Non-Party Leaders' Conference there.—A. P.

Mr. Murthy Sees Mahatma

WARDHA, July 23.

Mr. A. S. N. Murthy, President of the Orissa Liberal Association, arrived here to-day and had an interview with Mahatma Gandhi. He informed the Associated Press that he discussed the present political situation with the Mahatma with a view to finding a way out of the present impasse. Later he left for Poona to attend the Non-Party Leaders' Conference.

It is understood Mr. Murthy intends meeting Mr. Bhulabhai Desai in Yeravda Jail to discuss his scheme for solving the deadlock. He has written to the Bombay Government for the necessary permission. After the Poona Conference he would meet Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar in the same connection.—A. P.

"NOTHING TO SAY"

WARDHA, July 23.

"I have read it and I have nothing to say" was the curt reply of Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the A. I. C. C. when approached regarding his views on the expansion of the Viceroy's Executive Council. He returned from Allahabad this morning.—A. P.

Contributions to H. E. the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund during the fortnight ended June 30 last amounted to Rs. 19,20,969-5-10, swelling the grand total of the fund to Rs. 4,55,66,978-11-0.

R. A. F. Takes Good Toll From Italian Convoys

Nazi Tanker Left Blazing And Supply Ship Abandoned: Daylight Attack On Northern France

CAIRO, July 24.

A particularly successful attack, in which R.A.F. bombers and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm participated, was carried out on an enemy convoy off the fortified Italian island of Pantellaria on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. Middle East Communique. The convoy of four merchant vessels, escorted by destroyers, was first sighted and attacked by R.A.F. bombers. Two bombs were seen to hit a vessel of 7,000 tons and set it on fire. Two other bombs hit a vessel of 6,000 tons. A vessel of about 5,000 tons, apparently carrying munitions, was hit by three bombs and immediately blew up and disappeared below water. Shortly afterwards R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft reported that a 7,000 ton ship was submerged stern up and two destroyers were standing by picking up its survivors.

Later in the day Fleet Air Arm aircraft followed up the attack on the convoy, which then consisted of one 7,000 ton tanker and one other merchant vessel. Two torpedoes hit the tanker, which has become a total loss. Another torpedo hit an escorting destroyer doing severe damage to its stern.

ATTACK ON BENGHAZI.

Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. again attacked Benghazi on the night of July 22|23, causing a number of explosions on moles. The harbour was also attacked on the previous night with similar results. All British aircraft returned safely.

TEMPORARY LULL IN TOBRUK.

Heavy dust storms at Tobruk yesterday caused a temporary lull in British offensive patrolling activities in Libya, according to to-day's Middle East Communique, which adds "in the frontier area, however, advanced elements of our mechanised units were again aggressive, ejecting the enemy from several observation points. Units of our artillery co-operated with effective fire upon retreating enemy patrols".

The communique reports all quiet in Abyssinia and Syria.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAID ON FRANCE

LONDON, July 24.

Since the early hours of this morning the people on the South-east coast have seen and heard many British planes crossing the Channel. The roar of their engines brought many people out of doors. Heavy explosions on the French side of the Channel were heard for some hours early to-day and the unmistakable noise of heavy artillery fire has also been heard.

The attack which began at daylight, had been continued at intervals for many hours.

This afternoon a large formation of planes passed over Folkestone, heading out across the Straits and flying very high.

NAZI TANKER LEFT BLAZING

Supply Ship Abandoned

A fifteen hundred-ton tanker blazing fiercely, a seven hundred-ton supply ship abandoned by her crew and a Messerschmitt 109 shot down into the sea, is the record of a dawn patrol carried out off the Norwegian coast to-day by two Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command.

SIX NAZI BOMBERS DESTROYED.

Further reports of the sweep over northern France on Wednesday evening show that six German aircraft were destroyed making a total of eleven for the day.

Mannheim And Frankfurt Bombed Again

"Industrial objectives in the cities of Frankfurt and Mannheim were again attacked by aircraft of Bomber Command last night," says an Air Ministry Communique. Particularly large fires were seen in Mannheim. The docks in Le Havre and Ostend were also bombed.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command, on patrol off the Norwegian coast, set an enemy supply ship on fire and destroyed an enemy fighter. No aircraft is missing from these operations.

It is now known that the enemy lost two bombers in raids on this country last night. Early this morning another enemy bomber was shot down in the Isle of Wight by anti-aircraft gunfire.

Nazi Raider Bombed

It is understood that the German raider "Scharnhorst" has been bombed after having left Brest and attempted to take refuge in another nearby port,

DIRECT HIT OBSERVED.

The battleship "Scharnhorst" was discovered to have moved from Brest to La Pallice and attacked by the R.A.F. on July 23 with the heaviest armour-piercing bombs. A direct hit was observed.

BOMBS OVER NORTHERN IRELAND

LONDON, July 24.

A few enemy aircraft were over Northern Ireland in the small hours of this morning. Some bombs were dropped, which caused neither damage nor casualties, states a Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security 'communique.'—Reuter.

DUBLIN, July 24.

"Bombs dropped from "unidentified" planes are reported in a statement issued by the Eirean Government Information Bureau this afternoon which states "at about 01-20 to-day a number of bombs were dropped by unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of Dundalk, County Louth.

There were no casualties and only minor damage was reported. —Reuter.

ECUADOR-PERU WAR FRONT

Captain Killed In Combat In Quebrada Seca Sector

QUITO, July 24.

A Communique issued by the Government of Ecuador states: "At midday fighting at Huaquillas was resumed. An Ecuadorian ambulance taking wounded to the hospital was machine-gunned by a Peruvian plane. One officer was wounded

Despatches from Guasillo state that an Ecuadorian captain was killed in combat at Quebrada Seca. Two other men were wounded.

It is confirmed that a Peruvian plane was brought down in Carcabon. The latest despatches indicate that the Peruvians are attacking strongly in A'to Matapalo and Quebrada Seca sectors". —Reuter.

MOVE TO STOP NIGHT BOMBING

"Convention With Present Rulers Of Germany Worthless"

LONDON, July 24.

Loud cheers greeted Mr. Attlee, in the House of Commons, to-day (Thursday), when he gave an emphatic "no" to a suggestion that the Prime Minister should consider making a convention with the German Government for the cessation of night bombing and bombings of cities. The suggestion was made by Mr. Stokes (Labour) who followed up his query by asking Mr. Attlee if he had observed that the policy now being followed had been described by a competent military critic as contagious lunacy.

Further loud cheers greeted Mr. Attlee when he said," I am not aware of that statement but I should have thought that everybody realised that a convention made with the present rulers of Germany was worthless".—Reuter.

Bitter Fighting Continues

LIMA, July 24.

All-day fighting in the disputed Peruvian-Ecuadorian frontier zone is reported in a 'communique' issued to-day by the Peruvian Foreign Office.

"The battle, which began yesterday morning in front of the Peruvian posts of Aguas Verdes, Pocitos and Matacapalo continued all day", states the 'communique.'

"The fighting was specially bitter in the Aguas Verdes and Las Palmas sectors. The Ecuadorians were repulsed, the Peruvians forcing them to retire and destroying their gun emplacements."

The Peruvian Foreign Office emphasises that fighting took place first on the left bank of the Zarumilla river and then continued on the right bank which, it contends, would prove that the Ecuadorians attacked first.

Indian Globe Chief's Plea To Safeguard Development Of Indigenous Companies

APPEAL FOR THE INDIANISATION OF THE TARIFF ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH DELIVERED BY SHETH MATHURADAS VISSANJI KHIMJI AT THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INDIAN GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED ON THURSDAY 24TH JULY, 1941.

The Tenth Annual Report of your Directors with the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and various Revenue Accounts is already in your hands and I hope you must have earnestly gone through the same. I will not take your valuable time about the details contained therein but, with your permission, take the same as read.

I will give below a few comparative figures about the progress of our Company during the year under report:—

Claim for 1939.	Claim for 1940.	Commissions. 1939	1940	
Fire 16%	9.6%	29%	21%	Expenses:
Motor 36%	36%	36%	23%	1939 1940
Marine 76%	44%	—	22%	42% 33%

During this year, we have experimented further in Craft underwriting and you will be glad to learn that the experiment is proving beneficial. Your Directors have now decided to extend the Company's operations towards underwriting Craft Hull Insurance business also. The chief motive that has guided us to enter into this enterprise is to help the country craft shipping and encourage the indigenous industry which is on the point of extinction. We hope that our humble contribution will help to revive an ancient indigenous industry of country craft shipments.

Due to our policy of carrying out Tariff obligations loyally, we have lost about 40% of our motussil portfolio due to our inability to meet with the non-Tariff demands of agents in the motussil area. But fortunately for us, the increase in our Branch organisation portfolio has off-set this fall and we have been able to give a creditable account of our last year's activity by showing an increase of Rs. 2,36,875|- in our general premium income. This should be considered very satisfactory but I take this opportunity of appealing to the other members of the Bombay Fire Insurance Association to try to take the best advantage of the Tariff rules and appeal to them to follow the Tariff regulations in their letter and spirit.

In Life department, the absence of control of the acquisition costs and the commission payable to Chief Agents is telling very heavily and I am afraid that unless immediate steps are taken to control the Chief Agents' commission, the situation in the Life Insurance market will deteriorate beyond repair and I appeal to the Government of India to take up the question immediately and once for all defined the position of "Employer of Agent" and fix his remuneration. In this particular respect, I would like to mention that practically all insurers, whether Indian or non-Indian, are unanimous about this proposal. The only opposition that comes is from the Chief Agents, and naturally if you consult a middle man about reduction in his own brokerage, opposition is bound to be forthcoming. The best solution will be to consult technical experts in this line and to fix up the maximum commission payable to an Employer of Agent or a Chief Agent or a Principal Agent by whichever name he may be known. The Insurance Act, so far as the Life department is concerned, has not helped in any way to reduce the cost of acquisition. The effect of Sections 27 and 28 providing for compulsory investment in Government Securities only are proving disastrous and the interest yield is bound to fall from year to year due to restriction on the investment of Insurance Companies' funds. In face of these handicaps, the Life department has not been able to reduce its cost of acquisition because of the ambiguous position enjoyed by an Employer of Agent. I hope that Government will effect necessary Amendments in the next Session of the Assembly when a set of Amendments are to be considered by the Legislature and will set this matter right.

Now coming to the general situation, I have great pleasure in declaring our appreciation of the fact that the Government has now resolved to appoint a Central Advisory Insurance Committee to assist the Insurance Department of the Government of India. We hope that now the insurance interests will be able to place their views more systematically, frequently and effectively before the Insurance Department officials and the smooth working of the Insurance Act will be assured.

Last year, I referred to the situation created by the Competition due to Lloyd's Underwriters, but now I am glad to advise you that due to our efforts and the various conferences that were held between the Insurance Companies and the Lloyd's Underwriters' representatives, the menace of the Lloyd's Underwriters has now disappeared.

Coming to the question of the local Tariff Associations, the working of the last year is still far from satisfactory and the Indian voice is the smallest in the affairs of this Association. In view of the international situation and the disappearance of many continental concerns, I think it is high time that the voice of the Indian Insurance Companies should be predominant and the constitutions of the Associations should be so amended as to safeguard the interests of the Indian Insurance Companies instead of hampering them. Here, I would like to refer to the remarks made by Sir Cowasji Jehangir recently while presiding over the Annual General Meeting of a sister Indian Company as follows:

> "It is to be hoped that any rules and regulations adopted by Tariff Associations in India will not be such as to retard the natural development of indigenous companies."

Under the present position, the Indian Insurers are a negligible minority and their interests are never considered as those of the National Companies who have to develop in this country which is their place of origin. The present constitution of the Associations gives representation to the Chief Agents also along with the Branch Offices and Head Offices of the Insurers and the Chief Agents of foreign concerns are holding a predominant voice in the management of the affairs of these Associations. You will agree with me, gentlemen, that as the interests of the Chief Agents and their offices are likely to differ on many occasions, it will not be advisable that the Chief Agents should be allowed to have a say in the management of the Insurance business in general. Only because of this position, the vexed problem of the Chief Agents—working and non-working—has still remained a point of great grievance to the Indian Insurance Companies.

The next point is the question of Exchange Banks. The situation is as bad as ever. Our appeals from year to year have fallen on deaf ears and I am afraid that with the development of the war situation, the nationalism of the foreign Exchange Banks is getting stronger and stronger to the detriment of the Indian Insurance business. Unfortunately for us, they are entitled to carry on their trade freely and can continue to discriminate against indigenous Insurance Companies while enjoying the full privilege and trading rights in competition with the sons of the soil. I am afraid that the appeals have gone in vain and it is high time that our mercantile community should take up the question.

FOREIGN FILMS FOR CURRENT WEEK

Lupe Velez and Leon Errol in 'Six Lessons from Madam La Zonga' at Regal.

Merry Musical At Regal

"Six Lessons From Madame La Zonga"

Tingling with the torrid tempos of Havana, "Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga" co-starring Lupe Velez as the siren of the song hit, opens at the Regal on Friday (to-day).

Lovely Lupe is right in her own element as the fabulous queen of the Havana night clubs, for the film is filled with (1) the torrid, tingling tempos of the tropics, (2) a barrilful of mix-ups and melees, and (3) a half-dozen favourite players in the supporting cast.

Leon Errol, co-starred with Lupe, is seen as a confidence man with a sweet disposition.

Helen Parrish and Charles Lang, one of Hollywood's most popular young couples, have the romantic leads; and William Frawley, Eddie Quillan, "Big Boy" Williams and Shemp Howard lead the other mischief-makers.

Deftly handling the direction, director John Rawlins tells the story of a "combo" of musical maestros of the Oklahoma mountains, led by Charles Lang, and a struggling night club songstress, played by Helen Parrish, who sail for Havana to acquire the tunes and accent of the tropics.

But they arrive to find that Madame La Zonga, on whom they are depending for jobs, has gone broke.

What follows makes for a thoroughly merry, mad chase, interspersed with "Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga" plus three brand new song hits, "Jitterrhumba", "She Was the Matador's Wife" and "Mister Moon."

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

"Sixty Glorious Years" featuring Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook will be shown at the Regal Theatre on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

Another Edgar Wallace Film

"Case Of The Frightened Lady" At New Empire

One of the finest films of the year, British Lion's film version of Edgar Wallace's best known thriller, "The Case of the Frightened Lady", will be on view at the New Empire Theatre from Friday (to-day).

With a great cast of British stars headed by Marius Goring, famous as the portrayer of Hitler on the B.B.C., Helen Haye, the brilliant character actress and Penelope Dudley Ward, the well known society girl who has made a reputation for herself as one of Britain's best actresses, this film is superbly acted throughout.

Telling the stories of a series of murders at the country mansion of the Lebanon family, where the Dowager Lady Lebanon and her son Lord "Willie" Lebanon are living, "The Case of the Frightened Lady" maintains a high level of suspense from start to finish.

Lord 'Willie' Lebanon and a police officer in 'The Case of the Frightened Lady' at New Empire.

The wonderful skill of the late Edgar Wallace in character drawing, and suspense values are brilliantly illustrated by the adroit manner in which first one member of the household and then another falls under the vigilant eye of the two Scotland Yard detectives sent to investigate the crimes.

One of the most interesting features of the film is the pathological study of the murderer, whose identity is not disclosed until the very last moment in the film, thereby maintaining Edgar Wallace's brilliance at handling a climax in a satisfactory manner.

George King directed and the rest of the cast is made up of Felix Aylmer, Ronald Shiner, Roy Emerton, George Hayes, Patrick Barr.

'SOUTH OF SUEZ' AT PALACE

George Brent And Brenda Marshall In Stellar Roles

An exciting film of adventure in a South African diamond mine will be seen at The Palace this week in "South of Suez", a Warner Bros. production. Murder, theft and jealousy make up the background of this tropical tale.

George Brent, in the starring role, gives a dynamic performance as a mine foreman, who can meet the tropical heat, murder and theft without losing his head. His coolness is lost when he meets lovely Brenda Marshall and falls deeply in love with her. The latter plays the part of a mine owner's daugher who sets out to prove that Brent is innocent of her father's death.

George Tobias, whose screen career has been the most varied in Hollywood, comes through with still another great characterization in the part of a ruthless greedy and jealous mine owner. His wife, played by Lee Patrick, marries him only for his money and is openly contemptuous of him.

In the story Brent and a mine-owner played by Miles Mander discover a very valuable diamond. When Tobias hears of it, he plans to steal the diamond and one night he attacks Mander. After killing him, Tobias finds the jewel missing and decides to accuse Brent of the murder. After several thrilling adventures, Brent, with the help of Brenda, succeeds in proving his innocence and in bringing to book the guilty person.

'Lady Hamilton' In Fourth Week At Excelsior

The fact that 'Lady Hamilton continues for the fourth week at Excelsior is a positive proof of the popularity of this film those who have not yet taken the opportunity of seeing Vivien Leigh as Lady Hamilton and Lawrence Olivier as Nelson, the great British sailor may do so during this week.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

"The Lambeth Walk" starring Sally Gray and Lupino Lane will be shown at the Capitol Cinema on Sunday morning at 10-30.

A scene from 'Lady Hamilton' in fourth week at Excelsior.

Good Comedy At Capitol

"My Favourite Wife" Stars Cary Grant

The hilarious complications which arise when a supposedly long-dead wife suddenly confronts her husband on the night of his honeymoon with his beautiful second spouse provides the riotous basis of the Irene Dunne—Cary Grant starrer, "My Favourite Wife" which comes to Capitol from Friday (to-day).

Supposedly lost in a sea disaster for seven years Miss Dunne comes home on the very day that Grant remarries, this time Gail Patrick. She flies to the honeymoon hotel, sending Grant and his kissless bride scurrying home.

This point releases a flow of laughs and excitement and delightful comedy, which are accelerated by the husband's discovery that his first wife has been stranded all these years on a tropical isle with a handsome explorer, who now wants to marry her. How the quartet of bewildered people manages to extricate themselves from the dilemma leads to the laugh-laden climax of this sparkling romantic comedy.

Randolph Scott, as the explorer, with Miss Patrick heads the supporting cast of "My Favourite Wife" a production by Leo McCarey of "The Awful Truth" fame, which was directed for RKO Radio by Garson Kanin, who made "Bachelor Mother"

Dennis Morgan and Elizabeth Earl in 'River's End' at Metro.

"River's End" At Metro

Warner Brothers' Film Of Adventure

"River's End," is a very action-jammed adventure story from the pen of James Oliver Curwood. It is made into a film by Warner Brothers and comes to Metro on Friday (to-day.)

Starring Dennis Morgan, George Tobias and Elizabeth Earl, the picture relates the story of River's End, Dodge City of the North hiding place of murderers . . . where civilization ends and adventure begins. Sergeant Conniston, of the Mounties, is sent out to bring back John Keith, wanted for murder. The chase leads the Red-Coat beyond the furthest reaches of civilization along a trail two years long and a thousand miles wide. There, when the hunter and the hunted meet, the two discover the striking resemblance in their appearance, and the most gripping drama in the history of the North-west Mounted begins. And at the end of the trail is the girl, fearfully awaiting the winner . . . . wondering whether it will be her sweetheart or her brother.

Dennis Morgan is excellent in his dual role as Sergeant Conniston and John Keith, and turns in a very virile, convincing performance all the way through. Elizabeth Earl, as the girl torn between love for her sweetheart and for her brother, proves that this lovely English actress is destined to be a great star. As the French-Canadian woodsman, George Tobias again comes through with one of those perfect characterizations he has made famous. Other capable performers in the cast include Victor Jory, James Stephenson and Steffi Duna.

Ray Enright is the director of this thrilling hit and keeps the film moving at a fast clip from opening shot to the last reel. In adapting the picture from the Curwood novel, Barry Trivers and Bertram Millhauser did a masterful job and made the novelist's characters really come to life once again.

Daily Change At Broadway

There will be a daily change at Broadway from Saturday. On Saturday will be shown 'Escape'; on Sunday 'Waterloo Bridge'; on Monday, 'Goodbye Mr. Chips'; on Tuesday 'Honolulu'; on Wednesday 'Pygmalion'; on Thursday 'Yank at Oxford' and on Friday 'Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever'.

SUNDAY SHOW AT PALACE

'The Citadel' starring Robert Downnat and Rosalind Russel will be shown at Palace on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday July 27th at 10 a.m. Bette Davis will appear at Metro in Warner Bros' exciting "Jezebel."

POWERFUL PRODUCTION DRIVE

India Producing Vast Range Of Warlike Stores

SIMLA, July 24.

"It is gratifying to me to see this powerful productive drive in India, for we of the Eastern Group Supply Council are charged with the responsibility of seeing that the most is obtained from each unit of the Eastern Group and that development is encouraged to the full where resources are available", said Mr. F. R. Picot, Representative of New Zealand, on the Eastern Group Council, in an interview to the Associated Press on returning from a recent tour of the industrial centres in India.

Mr. Picot continues: "In order to gain first-hand knowledge of India's industrial war effort and her capacity I took the opportunity of accompanying my colleague on the Eastern Group Supply Council, Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, during his recent tour of inspection of some of India's manufacturing areas. This inspection merely confirmed the viewpoint that I had previously gained of India's industrial capacity and development and her determination to continue with ever-increasing vigour her industrial acceleration.

When war broke out, India like the other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations was not prepared for industrial expansion to the extent that has been found necessary. Although she has always been a large supplier of invaluable raw materials and is by far the largest supplier of textiles in the Eastern Group, she had never anticipated the great demands which were to be made upon her industry and she was, like the rest of us, short of machine tools. To-day, however, local skill and ingenuity have largely overcome the initial difficulties, and India is producing a vast range of warlike stores. Indian industry like her army has been quietly, skilfully and effectively mobilised until now we see keen Indian brains and competent Indian hands transforming Indian iron ore into guns, tanks, shells, armoured carriers, aerial bombs and the numerous requirements of modern warfare.

PROGRESS EVIDENT

During my tour with Mr. Hydari I revisited several of the factories that I saw when I was here for the Eastern Group Conference at the end of last year, and in every case considerable development and progress was evident. In one instance, a factory producing a range of intricate and important military equipment had increased its personnel from 2,000 last November to 12,000 to-day. This factory is but one link in the chain of progress. All over India production is expanding rapidly and where industry once talked in lakhs, it now talks in crores.

It is clear that the British Commonwealth of nations is in step and that each and all of us appreciate the desirability and the necessity of vastly accelerated production. As one travels through the factories of India, it is inspiring to find that is a counterpart to Britain's famous "we can take it", has arisen the determined cry of Indian industry "we can make it".—A. P.

"WHY NOT BUREAUCRACY AND PUBLIC JOIN HANDS?"

Will Help Anglo-Russian Alliance, Says Raja Saheb Of Salempur

LUCKNOW, July 23.

"If necessity could make England and Russia allies in spite of wide differences in their ideologies, why could not the bureaucracy and the public be harmonised for the effective pursuit to gain the victory" asks Raja Sahib of Salempur, M.L.A., a prominent Muslim Leader in an interview to the "Associated Press" on the expansion of the Governor-General's Executive Council.—A. P.

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the continuance up to the end of March, 1942. of the Government fuel shops opened at Godhra and Dohad for the purchase and sale of fuel headloads brought without transit passes.

MUTT AND JEFF—Cicero Must Be Getting Ready to Buy a Seat on Wall Street — BY BUD FISHER

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Ratnagiri Threatened With Famine

Transplantation Held Up For Want Of Rain, Standing Crops Withering

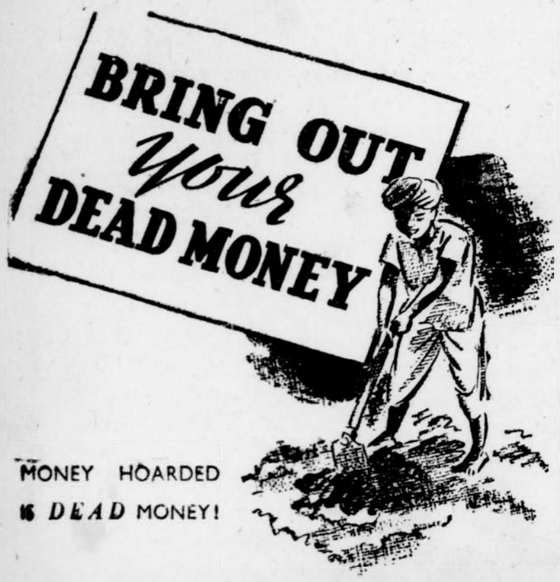
RATNAGIRI, July 23.

Taluka reports reveal that rain has been inadequate throughout Ratnagiri district and specially in the southern division it is quite insufficient.

Standing crops are withering and transplanting is at standstill with the result that agriculturists are in a plight.

The Arabian Sea appears calm, and fishing operations are resumed. Sea currents are, however, irregular. One fishing boat while returning is reported to have capsized at the entrance of Varavda Creek yesterday.

One of the three Muslim fishermen, who began to drift, could reach the shore with great difficulty while the other two are missing and are supposed to have drowned.—A. P.



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KEITEL AND BRAUCHITSCH SACKED FROM NAZI ARMY COMMAND

LONDON, July 24.

Both General Brauchitsch, the Nazi Commander-in-Chief and Field Marshal Keitel, Chief of Staff, are reported to have been removed from the direction of operations owing to the unsatisfactory course of operations of the German armies, says the Moscow radio, quoting a New York report.

According to information received from neutral diplomatic circles in one European capital, it adds the Commander of the German armies in Africa, General Rommel, has been recalled from Libya to participate with General List in the operations on the Soviet front.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL NOMURA CONFIDENT OF U. S.-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP

Interview With Sumner Welles Over Far East Question And Panama Canal Repairs

WASHINGTON, July 24.

After 30 minutes' meeting with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, Admiral Nomura the Japanese Ambassador, told pressman that he hoped that feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood that Admiral Nomura discussed the far east situation, especially Indo-China, but declared to make any observations on that question to the press, merely saying that he had "approached the subject from our side."

Admiral Nomura also said that he discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated that ships could not remain at the canal "permanently."

Mr. Sumner Welles told him that the canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.—Reuter.

Two Released Due To Illness

LAHORE, July 24.

The Punjab Government have ordered the release of two Satyagrahi prisoners namely Amarsing of Lahore District and Lalchand of Montgomery District, on account of their illness.

The former was convicted under the Defence of India Rules on April 28, 1941, and was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment and the latter was convicted under the Defence of India Rules on April 18, 1941 and was sentenced to 9 months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

"Raiama" Editor Released

PESHAWAR, July 24.

The Provincial Government have released Bakshi Faqir Chand, the editor of "Raiama" who was under detention under the Defence of India Rules since June last.—A. P.

Munshi Canvasses Support

LUCKNOW, July 24.

To canvass support in favour of the proposed Akhand Hindustan front, Mr. K. M. Munshi has been getting in touch with various leaders in the U. P. with pronounced anti-Pakistan views. Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh is amongst those who have been approached in this connection. Lala Hari Ram Seth, General Secretary of the Provincial Hindu Sabha is also seeing Mr. Munshi at Bombay next week.

Dholka-Bhurkhi Shuttle Service

BOMBAY, July 24.

The Assistant Traffic Superintendent, B. B. and C. I. Railway, Branches, Ahmedabad, wires as follows:—

The track between Dholka and Bhurkhi has been repaired. On and from July 25 one up and one down shuttle service connection with 62 down and 65 up will run between Dholka and Bhurkhi at a restricted speed. The down shuttle will leave Dholka at 9/30 hours, arriving into Bhurkhi at about 12 hours. The up shuttle will leave Bhurkhi at 16/30 hours arriving at Dholka at about 18/30 hours.

The normal train service will continue to run between Ahmedabad and Dholka. The 63 up and 64 down will continue to run between Kakalabhal and Dhandhuka.

Bengal Gymkhana's Decision

CALCUTTA, July 24.

At an emergency meeting last night, the Bengal Gymkhana decided to break away from the Cricket Association of Bengal and to seek direct affiliation with the Board of Cricket Control in India.—A. P.

Army May Take Over Control Of Germany

LONDON, July 23.

The belief is held in many German circles that the army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved, says "Reuter's" correspondent "somewhere in Europe".—Reuter.

ROSENBERG AS NAZI MINISTER IN EAST

German Press Directs Propaganda Guns At Roosevelt

ZURICH ROSENBERG, July 23.

Rosenberg, the Nazi Specialist on Eastern questions has been chosen as "Minister for Germany in the East", according to an unconfirmed report from the Berlin correspondent of the "Dietat".

The German press to-day turned its full propaganda guns on President Roosevelt who was attacked with unprecedented violence. Newspapers reproduced photographs of President Roosevelt as a freemason.—Reuter.

Stalin Appoints Another Defence Commissar

MOSCOW, July 24.

M. Stalin has added another Vice-Commissar of Defence to group whom he has gathered around him bringing the total up to six.

New Commissar is M. Peresipkin who was formerly the Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs.—Reuter.

SATYAPAL TO JOIN ROYISTS?

LAHORE, July 24.

It is understood that Dr. Satyapal, former President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee who recently resigned from the Congress, has received an invitation from Mr. M. N. Roy to join the Radical Democratic Party and organise it in the Punjab. He is shortly proceeding to Dehra Dun to meet Mr. Roy.

Dr. Satyapal attended by special invitation a meeting of the Punjab Democratic Party. In a brief speech he appreciated the activities of the Party which, he said, was best fitted for the needs of the country at this critical juncture.—A.P.

AUSTRALIAN DOCTOR'S DISCOVERY

SYDNEY, July 24.

Dr. Barnard, a member of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has returned to Canrerra from a research tour of the Queensland coastal regions and northern New South Wales, announcing that he has discovered 75 per cent of the things hoped for. An important discovery was a shrub called "buboisia myoporoides" from which the drugs "hyocine and hyocyamine" are obtainable.—Reuter.

Faqir Of Ipi

SIMLA July 24.

The Faqir of Ipi together with about ten of his followers is still at Kharre and is continuing his appeals to various tribes for assistance in hostile activities. It is understood that his appeals to Bakkar Khel and Jani Khel Wazirs have gone unheeded.

A deputation of Tanni and Zadren Maliks is reported to have visited the Faqir on June 15 and to have refused the despatch of any further reinforcements at present.—A. P.

Khadi For Mysore Municipal Sweepers

MYSORE, July 24.

The decision of the Mysore Municipality to give Khaddar uniforms to Municipal scavengers and sweepers as a presentation in connection with the weddings of the Mysore Princesses and an allotment of Rs. 1,000 for the purpose have been approved by the Government.—A. P.

Santosh Trophy Football

I. F. A. Beat W. I. F. A.

CALCUTTA, July 24.

In the semi-final proper of the Inter-provincial Football Tournament for the Santosh Memorial Trophy, which is being played today on the Calcutta ground between I.F.A. (Bengal) and W. I. F. A. (Bombay), neither side has scored at the interval. after the interval, I. F. A. beat W. I. F. A. by one goal to nil. The Bengal scorer was P. D'Mellow.

Both sides took the field with resolution. The first ten minutes were uneventful, the exchanges being even. In the tenth minute Thomas, Bombay's right-in produced the first excitement when, receiving the ball from Langton, the centre forward, he aimed at the goal-post from just outside the penalty area. The ball was entering the net with the speed of a bullet, but Osman, who had already taken his position, just managed to tip the ball over the bar, to the cheering of I F.A. supporters.

I. F. A.'S TURN

The I.F.A. soon crossed over and attacked the Bombay goal but Edden saved the situation for Bombay. The next minute Lumsden handled the ball just outside the penalty area. Langton, who took the shot, sent in a stinging left-legger but it was stopped by Osman. I.F.A. forwards, thereafter, became aggressive and launched a number of attacks on the Bombay goal. Somana got the ball from a melee inside the Bombay penalty area and tried the net but Edden stopped, the ball again coming back to Somana. Edden in an attempt to dispossess Somana of the ball came out of his charge. Mendon finding the goal-keeper away, took up position at the goal posts and cleared Somana's shot, which otherwise would have easily entered the net.

BOMBAY'S LUCKY ESCAPE

In the 20th minute Bombay's goal had another providential escape, when Noor Mohammed centred to Somana who pushed the ball to D. A. Banerjee. Banerjee availed of the opportunity but the ball rolled out along the right post, the goal-keeper having been already beaten.

The minute following, I.F.A. were again unfortunate not to score. A foul shot was given against Bombay well outside the penalty area. Noor Mohammed passed to Banerjee who almost headed the ball in but it struck the post and went out.

Half time arrived with no scoring by either side.

The greater part of the second half saw up and down play, both sides attacking evenly. Bailey was warned by the referee for fouling Noor, who was racing with the ball along the left flank. In the 20th minute the only goal of the day came, as a result of a beautiful movement on the part of the I. F. A forwards. Noor Mohammed took the ball past Bombay's half-line and centred but Edden deflected the direction of the ball with his fists. The ball, however, fell near D'Mellow who lost no time in shooting successfully into the net before Edden could take position (1-0)

I. F. A. maintained their pressure and carried three successive attacks on Bombay's goal, but Thompson and James saved the situation. A couple of minutes before full time Somana wasted a scoring chance for which he has no explanation. Noor Mohammed centred the ball. Somana had enough time to stop the ball but instead he tried a first timer but the ball went wide.

TEAMS

I. F. A. (BENGAL): Osman (Aryans); Serajuddin (Md. Sporting), P. Chakrabutty (Kalighat), Bachchi Khan (M. Sporting), J. Lumsden (Rangers), (Capt.) Masoom Ali (Md. Sporting) Noor Mohammed (Md. Sporting), Somana (East Bengal), D. Banerjee (Aryans) A. Bhattacharjee (Mohun Bagan) P. D'Mellow (Police).

W. I. F. A. BOMBAY

Edden (Gymkhana) (Capt), James (Army), Thompson (H. V. M.), Mendon (Tatas), Evans (Army), Bailey (Army), Stone (Army), Thomas (Y.M.C.A.) Langton (Army), Hill (Army), Rashad (Muslims).

REFEREE:—T. Shome.—A. P.

Lahore Hockey

(Sporting Special)

LAHORE, July 24.

The following are the results of matches played today in the Lahore Hockey League:—

D. A. V. School 1: Raiders 1.

Moghulpura Institute 4: M. T. T. S. "B" Nil.—A. P.

Dr. Subbaroyan For Cricket Board Meeting

MADRAS, July 24.

Dr. P. Subbaroyan, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, accompanied by Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Honorary Secretary left for Calcutta to-night by the Calcutta Mail to attend the annual general meeting of the Board to be held at Calcutta on the 27th instant.—A. P.

I. F. A. To Meet Delhi

The I. F. A. will meet Delhi on Saturday in the final of the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament for the Santosh Cup.—A. P.

Bombay Suburban Badminton

At Bandra Court on Thursday.

Miss F. Vacha and Miss P. D'Lima beat Miss K. Daruwalla and Mrs. Gupte 15-9, 15-11.

J. Agnel and L. I. Pereira beat C. K. Menon and S. Dhurandhar 15 ft. 15-8 and entered Men's Doubles Final.

R. Kanga and B. G. Mugve beat K. R. Lotwala and A. V. Ulal, 11-15, 18-16, 15-13 and entered Men's Doubles Final.

D. A. Ferreira beat J. P. Pereira 15-2, 15-12.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY (FRIDAY)

Bandra Gymkhana Court:—

Miss F. Vacha v. Mrs. Noguer (Semi-Final) at 6-20 p.m.

Miss K. Daruwalla v. Miss P D'Lima (Semi-Final) at 6-50 p.m

V. N. Iyer and Miss Tilley or L. Gomes and Miss Andrews v. C. K. Menon and Miss Valles or J. Agnel and Miss Mistry at 7-10 p.m.

R. N. Kanga and Miss F. Vacha or F. P. Suares and Miss K. Daruwalla v. R. Pereira and Miss Curzai or K. R. Lotwala and Mrs Gupte at 7-40 p.m.

INDIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The fixtures are as under:—

Saturday, 26th July: W. I. A. A. v. G. Claridge and Co.'s S. C. at 4-30 p.m. Satiranjan Memorial Shield.

Jagannath Fishermen's XI v. Matunga Athletic at 5-30 p.m. Bengal Club Cup League.

Sunday, 27th July: Tata Sports v. Khar United at 4 p.m. Satiranjan Memorial Shield.

Muslim Sports v. Y. M. C. A. at 5 p.m. Bengal Club Cup League.

St. Francis v. R. I. N. 'A' at 6 p.m. Satiranjan Memorial Shield.

Ground: St. Xavier's College Gymkhana Ground, Parel.

B. D. Petit Parsi General Hospital

The Hon. Secretary of the Bomanjee Dinshaw Petit Parsi General Hospital acknowledges following donations:—

Mr. Maneckjee F. Sethna for endowing a bed in memory of his daughter Rs. 5,000; Trustees of Parsi Panchayet Rs. 2,000; Bai Dinbai A. Mistry in memory of her sister, late Bai Shirinbai Framjee Khambatta Rs. 500; Mr. Ardeshir S. Daruwalla, in memory of late Mr. K. M Billimoria Rs. 500; Anonymous Rs. 100; Mr. Framjee H. Allbless in memory of late Bai Piroja B. Chinoy Rs. 50; A Zoroastrian lady Rs. 31; Bombay Port Trust (Dock Section) Ghambar Fund, through Mr. Ardeshir J. Master in memory of late Mr. H. D. Choksey Rs. 31; Mrs. Allan Bam and Miss Najan S. Dubash in memory of their uncle Rs. 30; Bai Dhunmai and Mr. Dossabhoy C. Batliwalla in memory of their sister Rs. 25; Childern of late Mr. Jijibhoy A. Divecha, in pious memory of their father Rs. 25; In pious memory of late father Mr. Kaikhushru D. Shroff Rs. 15; Mr. Faram Behramjee Baria Rs. 11; A Zoroastrian Rs. 10; In memory of late Mr. Fardunjee C. Mulla Rs. 10; Sums under Rs. 10 Rs. 29; total Rs. 8,367.

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For Humanitarian Purposes: Rs. 50 C. Rose Greenfield.

Grand Total on Thursday: Rs. 63,80,515-13/9.

"Vee" Invades Australian Post Offices

MELBOURNE, July 24.

Eight-foot neon "V" signs are to be erected in post offices throughout Australia. It was announced by Mr. T. W. Collins, the Postmaster General to-day. In future, he said, telephone girls will say "Vee number please" and postmarks will bear "V" symbol in letter and in morse.—Reuter.

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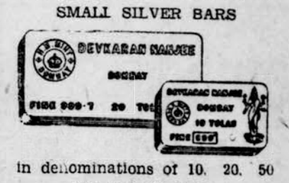
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Willkie Predicts America's Entry Into War

LOS ANGELES, July 24.

"The United States will probably be involved in war regardless of the position it takes on developing international affairs", said Mr Wendell Willkie at a mass meeting at Los Angeles for national unity.

He added: "The real issue now is whether the Americans are going to live in future as free men or whether the attack of the totalitarians is to destroy America's prospect of freedom and force the United States in desperation to

Mr. Wendell Willkie

undertake another form of government."

Mr. Willkie declared that the United States was not seeking war in establishing outlying bases but was securing outposts wherefrom freedom could be defended.

He added, "As the international situation develops, THERE WILL DOUBTLESS BE OTHER MOVES WE WILL BE COMPELLED TO MAKE."

Commenting on the criticism of the Administrations handling of the defence programme, Mr. Willkie declared: "It is true that Washington is in confusion. It is true that our defence programme is in danger.

The President has failed in the most elementary task of management, the task of delegation, the task of calling in the ablest men in the country and giving them power to act. We must, everyone of us, appropriate this defence programme as our own. We must realise that in it lies our greatest hope of freedom and must get the kind of management we want through the application of the enormous pressure of the American public opinion insisting that a good job will be done. The cure for a bad defence programme is not more opposition, but more support."—Reuter.

VITAL STAKE IN THE FAR EAST

What America May Do If Japan Attacks Indo-China

"We have a vital stake in preventing a major war in the Pacific," said Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, adding that there were several possible steps the United States might take if JAPAN'S MOVE IN INDO-CHINA THREATENED TO GIVE JAPAN NAVAL AND MILITARY ADVANTAGES WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A GENERAL CONFLICT IN THE PACIFIC.

He said that the steps might take the form of "freezing" Japanese assets in the United States and limiting commercial relations with Japan to exchange of goods on the pre-war level.

Questioned whether the United States would go to the extreme of cutting off all trade with Japan Senator George indicated that Government officials retained hopes that the Far Eastern 'status quo' might not be too greatly disturbed by any Japanese move, but made it plain that he did not believe that the United States Government would recognise any Japanese right to bases and other concessions won by forceful demands on Vichy.

Senator George said that he hoped the United States Government would adopt an independent foreign policy in dealing with any move by Japan, possibly on parallel lines but not coinciding with any made by Britain.—Reuter.

30 CALIFORNIAN SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, July 24.

The first of the 30, 10,000 ton cargo ships that are being built for Britain at the Todd shipyards in California is expected to be launched on August 15, four months to the day after the keel was laid.

Three more hulls are now on slipways. 30 similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland (Maine).

U. S. DEPUTATION FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, July 24.

An invitation has been sent by telegram to United States Congressmen and Senators to send a representative body to England as the guest of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British Council to obtain first-hand impression of British life in all its aspects under present conditions.

The telegram, which is signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests that the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to this country or by sea —Reuter.

244 Million Dollar Bill Passes To Senate

WASHINGTON, July 24.

244 million dollars Bill for additional naval shore facilities was passed by the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate.—Reuter.

Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, one of the members-designate of the Viceroy's Executive council, is seen addressing the Bombay businessmen who gave him a tea party at the Taj Mahal Hotel on Wednesday evening.

WAR RISKS (GOODS) INSURANCE ORDINANCE

Advisory Committee To Take Steps To Prevent Evasion Of Provisions

A decision to take steps to prevent persons evading the provisions of War Risks (Goods) Insurance Ordinance was taken at the first meeting of the War Risk Insurance Advisory Committee held in Bombay, on Thursday. Sir Alan Lloyd, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce, presided.

The Committee also considered two other important questions in their practical aspects, namely, a proposal for the adoption in India of a scheme of insurance of private chattels against war risks and a proposal for the introduction of compulsory insurance scheme for immovable property, including plants and machinery.

No decisions were arrived at, but it is understood, that the matter has been left over for the present, pending further consideration by the Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In regard to the Ordinance itself, the principal subject for consideration by the Committee, discussion centred round as to whether or not most of the commodities which are insurable under the Ordinance are insured and also whether certain commodities that should be insured but for certain technical loopholes remain outside the operation of the Ordinance. The Committee made certain recommendations to strengthen the organisation of the special officers appointed by the Government for the purpose of insuring certain class of commodities. The recommendations made, it is presumed, are calculated to bring at once within the purview of the Ordinance all goods, insurable without any further delay.

The Committee, it is learnt, made a suggestion for the strengthening of the existing staff to enable the Special Officers appointed by the Government to take effective steps against those who evade insuring insurable commodities and also that Government should undertake prosecutions against such evaders.

COMMISSION AGENTS AND BANKS

Another question dealt with by the Committee related to Commission Agents with particular reference to Cotton Commission Agents and also the position of Banks under the Ordinance. It was agreed that certain amendments to the Ordinance should be effected in order to bring the Commission Agents and Banks within the successful operation of the Ordinance.

Among those who attended the meeting included Mr. V. Corbett Wright, (Deputy Chairman), Mr T. K. Desai, Mr. N. Lishman, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, and Mr. E. W. T. Leith (Secretary). Mr. M. S. Jayakar and Rai Bahadur S. P. Ghosh, Special Officers, War Risk Insurance for Bombay and Bengal respectively were also present at the meeting.

DUKE OF KENT FOR CANADA

LONDON, July 24.

The Dominions Office officially announced this evening that with the King's approval His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will shortly be proceeding to Canada for a brief visit.

HALIFAX CHRISTENS NEW DIVE BOMBER

LOS ANGELES, July 24.

Smashing glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive bomber for Britain Lord Halifax declared, "I christen thee Vengeance—the newest "V" in Britain's campaign for Victory".

The dive bomber, which is a low wing monoplane camouflaged, then roared off climbed to 5,000 feet, then went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while 5,000 aircraft workers cheered. Lord Halifax spoke briefly, reassuring the workers that, "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do."—Reuter.

Strike Wave Sweeps France

Sequel To Moscow's Appeal To Workers, 19,000 French Communists Arrested

ZURICH, July 24.

Commenting on Moscow's broadcasts, inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the "National Zeitung" says widespread strike movements have been attempted among the textile workers and coal miners in northern France, but they were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who closed food shops and prevented sale of food to strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone "staggered" strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours, are sucessfully carried out by individual sheds which is sufficient to hold up production of whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper, "Grin-goire", 19,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 have been interned out of a total of 30,000.—Reuter.

MARTYRDOM OF ITALIAN TROOPS

LONDON, July 23.

An Italian newspaper describes what it calls "the martyrdom of Italian troops responsible for maintaining communications in Tobruk and Sollum areas."

The paper says with Tobruk in British hands, the Italians can use only one 60 mile road, where there is the possibility of vehicles sinking into the sand. The paper states that supplies are being brought to Libya in sailing ships motor boats and small steamers plying between the coastal bases which are constantly under machine-gun fire from British aircraft.—Reuter.

A World War!

LONDON, July 24.

REUTER'S MILITARY COMMENTATOR SAYS: "THE WAR IS NOT CONFINED TO RUSSIA, GERMANY AND ENGLAND—HITLER IS MAKING IT A WORLD WAR. THERE ARE STRONG RUMOURS THAT HE IS ON THE POINT OF DRAWING IN TWO OTHER COUNTRIES, TURKEY AND SPAIN. HE WILL SOON ATTACK BOTH.

JAPAN, HE ADDS, HAS NOW ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM TO INDO-CHINA AND IT SEEMS THAT THE JAPANESE WILL OCCUPY THAT COUNTRY IN WHICH CASE IT IS PROBABLE THAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA WILL DECLARE WAR—THEY ARE PREPARED TO MEET THAT EVENT.

THE ENTRY OF AMERICA AS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE WORLD WAR WILL BE HASTENED BY THIS JAPANESE ACTION.—REUTER

Royal Navy Will Soon Steer To Victory

Cunningham Pays Tribute To New Zealanders' Brilliant Fighting In Greece

ALEXANDRIA, July 24.

The hope that British warships will soon be "steering towards the enemy and final victory" was expressed by Admiral Cunningham in accepting a cheque for 85 sterling collected among evacuated New Zealanders for sailors charities.

The money was collected in grateful appreciation of New Zealanders in the Middle East for the British navy's hazardous role in evacuating them from Greece.

A simple ceremony was held aboard an anti-aircraft cruiser. Admiral Cunningham, Vice-Admiral Pridham-Whipple and King with captains of destroyers flotillas, who participated in the evacuation, were present to receive General Freyberg and staff.

Admiral Cunningham in accepting the cheque expressed British admiration and friendship for New Zealanders and eulogised the New Zealanders' magnificent fighting against heavy odds in Greece and Crete.—Reuter

Norwegian Steamer "Vigrid" Sunk

NEW YORK, July 24.

The destruction in the North Atlantic of the Norwegian Cargo steamer "Vigrid", reported to be two days ago, has been disclosed in maritime circles.

It is unofficially reported that the vessel was carrying Red Cross Nurses to England.—Reuter.

6 BOLIVIAN NAZIS ARRESTED

LA PAZ (Bolivia), July 24.

Six leaders of the National Revolutionary Party were arrested following the publication of a manifesto accusing the Bolivian Government of having invented a non-existent plot" in the interests of Britain and the United States.

Two other members of the movement who also signed the manifesto fled. The manifesto emphasises the nationalist sympathies of the party.—Reuter.

The War Office announces that Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) A. Hood C.B.E., M.D., will succeed Lieut.-General Sir William MacArthur as Director-General of the Army Medical Services upon the latter's retirement on August 1.

Mr. Awadeshprasad Sinha, President of the All-India Kisan Sabha, presided over the District Youth Conference recently held at Ahmednagar.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Mr. Sumner Welles, when told of Colonel Knox's remarks regarding Indo-China said he had no comment to make except to underline where underlining was necessary President Roosevelt's remarks yesterday.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Relaxing for a while after commenting on the speeches of our public men, I walked into Rhythm House, that delightful little gramophone shop of Bombay, where one is tempted to buy records if only because the place is so well decorated. I bought the Carmen Miranda recording of "Mama Eu Caero", Deanna Durbin singing the Bach Gonnod "Ave Maria" and Tauber singing "Plaisir D'Amour". An English girl was also buying records for herself near me and we shared the gramophone to try them out. After playing a beautiful song sung by Martha Egerth, she remarked to me: "It's lovely, but I wonder whether I can stand hearing it sung in German. Would it be too unpatriotic"? she smilingly added. I told her the song belonged to a Germany before Hitler, but what amazed me was her charming sense of humour. One doesn't find in India beautiful strangers chipping in with conversation like that. Now don't all rush to Rhythm House!

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Strange irony—At the "Bombay Chronicle" lunch to pressmen, the Taj supplied the guests with "Union Jack" cigars! Really, Mr. Sabavala.

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A day in the life of Mrs. Naidu, from the Local News (slightly distorted): Catholic Women's Club.—Lunch at the Ritz Hotel, 1 p.m. when Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will speak.

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Government Law College Union.—Inaugural address by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in the College Hall, behind Churchgate station, 1-30 p.m.

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Khayyam Club.—Lecture by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu on "Culture in Life", Oomer Gallaries, Breach Candy, Warden Road, 6-30 p.m.

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Some say that the Editors' Conference is experiencing that Kirchner (or Krushen?) feeling (For journalists only).

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Overheard at a certain press lunch: "Ignorance is Blitz" (Please acknowledge the free advertisement!)

Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE YELLOW BEETLE

DON'T WORRY, MISS MORTON... I SENT A CODE MESSAGE... DONAVAN WILL LOCATE US AND THEN---
INSPECTOR WADE! THE SHIP IS MOVING!
YOU'RE RIGHT. THE STERN ANCHOR'S UP, WE'RE SWINGING AROUND WITH THE TIDE.
SHE'S GOING TO HEAD FOR THE SEA!
EXACTLY RIGHT, MISS MORTON. WHEN WE GET OUT TO SEA, YOU AND INSPECTOR WADE WILL BE FED TO THE SHARKS --- AND THERE WILL BE NO WITNESSES!
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